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Ex-coach faces new charges

Fresh sexual assault claims against Lawhorn date back years, include multiple teen victims

By Zach Murdock Hartford Courant

Danny Lawhorn Jr., the former coach for the Bria Holmes Elite girls basketball program accused of sexually assaulting a teen

basketball player this summer, is facing additional state and federal charges that he sexually assaulted two other teen girls while they played for the team over the past four years.

The alleged assaults occurred

separately over multiple years when each of the girls were 16 years old and traveling with Lawhorn for basketball tournaments across the state and country, new state and federal court records show.

The records paint a picture of a coach with tremendous influence over the girls' travel arrangements and young playing careers who preyed on their age and fear that reporting him could jeopardize their future college basketball prospects.

Investigators found he used a similar pattern with each: He would ask the girls for a massage, isolate them in his own family members' homes, hotel rooms and even his car at crowded tournaments and brush off the girls' attempts to refuse his advances, the new records show.

The new allegations follow Lawhorn's arrest in June after a 17-year-old international high school student, staying at Lawhorn's Hartford home this spring while she played for the program, reported he sexually assaulted her inside her bedroom.

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Presidential visit: Protesters hurl obscenities at Biden while surrounded by children



President Joe Biden talks with children upon his arrival in Hartford last week. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

Lamont: 'It was embarrassing'

"There's been something of a coarsening of the political culture in this country. It ... was worth stepping up and saying what I thought."

Gov. Ned Lamont

By Christopher Keating Hartford Courant

HARTFORD - Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont Tuesday ripped into protesters who hurled curses and vulgarities at President Joe Biden during a visit to a child care center in Hartford last week.

Four days after the event, Lamont was still clearly bothered by the protesters, who shouted vulgarities as about 35

children, along with their teachers, were meeting the president at an event touting additional federal money being earmarked

for child care. "It was something these kids will never forget for the rest of their lives," Lamont told reporters Tuesday outside the state Capitol. "And right across the fence were angry protesters – yelling, cursing, dropping the F-bomb, and it was embarrass-

Lamont continued, "I contrast that moment with watching some of the eulogies for General Colin Powell. I heard him say this morning, as I was on the Stairmaster, that democracy and American democracy are the last great hope on Earth. We have many, many faults, but go out and fix those faults. Don't curse the faults. Fix the faults. That's what we're trying to do."

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Towns repeal mask rules

As cases dwindle, some municipalities shun CDC guidelines

By Alex Putterman Hartford Courant

Despite guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggesting residents in all eight Connecticut counties wear masks indoors to protect against COVID-19, a growing number of Connecticut towns have begun lifting mask mandates they imposed this summer.

West Hartford on Tuesday became the latest town to announce it would repeal its mandate for vaccinated residents, joining Manchester, Glastonbury, South Windsor, Danbury, Fairfield and others.

"We have been carefully monitoring the transmission rates for West Hartford and our neighboring towns, and we have achieved the benchmarks which allow us to safely lift the mask mandate," Town Manager Matt Hart said in a statement. "This is very good news."

Many towns that have loosened their mask rules continue to recommend that residents wear masks indoors, even while no longer requiring them.

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Hartford cop 'in bad shape' from virus as mandate debate grows

By Rebecca Lurye Hartford Courant

HARTFORD - A Hartford police officer is "in bad shape" from COVID-19, the department said, touching off questions about vaccination policies at one of the state's largest police departments.

While vaccines or regular testing are mandated for the state police and in several Connecticut cities — New Haven, Norwalk and Stamford — there is no such policy in Hartford.

The capital city doesn't require vaccines or tests for its nearly 400 police officers and other city employees and doesn't track how many have gotten the vaccine voluntarily. As a result, it's unclear how many Hartford officers are protected against the coronavirus.

Being vaccinated not only protects against getting seriously ill from COVID-19, but reduces the risk of people spreading the virus to others, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. According to state numbers, 78.6% of residents who tested positive for COVID-19 in the past week were not vaccinated.

But police departments nationally have become a focal point of the conflict over vaccines.

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No mandate for Hartford police

Hartford police Chief Jason Thody, above, received his first COVID-19 vaccination in January in public in order to encourage vaccination among law enforcement officers. The capital city doesn't require vaccines or tests for its nearly 400 police officers, and it's unclear how many Hartford officers are protected against the coronavirus.

Middletown superintendent takes leave of absence

The school board on Monday approved the superintendent's request for a leave of absence and authorized a probe into allegations of a hostile work environment. CONNECTICUT, PAGE 1

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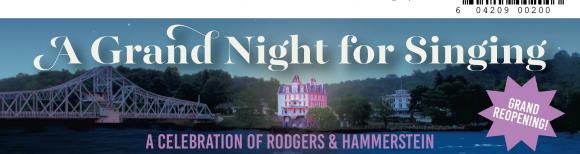
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Jan. 6 panel holds contempt vote

Committee: Trump ally Bannon was key figure ahead of riot

By Mary Clare Jalonick and Farnoush Amiri **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON - A House committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection voted unanimously Tuesday to hold former White House aide Steve Bannon in contempt of Congress after the longtime ally of former President Donald Trump defied a subpoena for documents and testimony.

Still defending his supporters who broke into the Capitol that day, Trump has aggressively tried to block the committee's work by directing Bannon and others not to answer questions in the probe. Trump has also filed a lawsuit to try to prevent Congress from obtaining former White House documents.

But lawmakers have made clear they will not back down as they gather facts and testimony about the attack involving Trump's supporters that left dozens of police officers injured, sent lawmakers running for their lives and interrupted the certification of President Joe Biden's victory.

The committee's chairman, Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., said Tuesday that Bannon "stands alone in his complete defiance of our subpoena" and the panel will not take no for an

answer. He said that while Bannon may be "willing to be a martyr to the disgraceful cause of whitewashing what happened on January 6th — of demonstrating his complete loyalty to the former President," the contempt vote is a warning to other witnesses.

"We won't be deterred. We won't be distracted.



Reps. Adam Schiff, Zoe Lofgren, Bennie Thompson, Liz Cheney, Adam Kinzinger and Jamie Raskin listen Tuesday as the House select committee meets to hold Steve Bannon in contempt on Capitol Hill in Washington. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

And we won't be delayed," Thompson added.

The Tuesday evening vote sends the contempt resolution to the full House, which is expected to vote on the measure Thursday. House approval would send the matter to the Justice Department, which would decide whether to pursue criminal charges against Bannon.

The contempt resolution asserts that the former Trump aide and podcast host has no legal standing to rebuff the committee even as Trump's lawyer has argued that Bannon should not disclose information because it is protected by the privilege of the former president's office. The committee noted that Bannon, fired from his White House job in 2017, was a private citizen when he spoke to Trump ahead of the attack. And

Trump has not asserted any such executive privilege claims to the panel itself, lawmakers said.

Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney, one of two Republicans on the committee, said: "Mr. Bannon's and Mr. Trump's privilege arguments do appear to reveal one thing, however: They suggest that President Trump was personally involved in the planning and execution of January 6th. And we will get to the bottom of that."

The committee says it is pursuing Bannon's testimony because of his apparent role in the events of Jan. 6, including his communications with Trump ahead of the siege, his efforts to get the former president to focus on Jan. 6, and his comments on Jan. 5 that "all hell is going to break loose"

Bannon "appears to have had multiple roles relevant to this investigation, including his role in constructing and participating in the 'stop the steal' public relations effort that motivated the attack" and "his efforts to plan political and other activity in advance of January 6th," the committee wrote in the resolution recommending contempt.

The Biden White House has rejected Bannon's claims, with Deputy Counsel Jonathan Su writing Bannon's lawyer this week to say that "at this point we are not aware of any basis for your client's refusal to appear for a deposition." Biden's judgment that executive privilege is not justified, Su wrote, "applies to your client's deposition testimony and to any documents your client may possess.'

Asked last week if the Justice Department should prosecute those who refuse to testify, Biden said yes. But the Justice Department quickly pushed back, with a spokesman saying the department would make its own decisions.

While Bannon has said he needs a court order before complying with his subpoena, former White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows and former White House and Pentagon aide Kashyap Patel have been negotiating with the committee. It is unclear whether a fourth former White House aide, Dan Scavino, will comply.

The committee has subpoenaed over a dozen people who helped plan Trump rallies ahead of the

siege, and some of them are already turning over documents and giving testimony.

The vote came a day after Trump sued the committee and the National Archives to fight the release of documents the committee has requested. Trump's lawsuit, filed after Biden said he'd allow the documents' release, claims that the panel's request was overly broad and a "vexatious, illegal fishing expedition." Trump's suit seeks to invalidate the entirety of the request. It requests a court injunction to bar the archivist from producing the documents.

The Biden administration said the violent siege of the Capitol was so extraordinary that it merited waiving the privilege that usually protects White House communications.

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Charges

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That girl fled the house and reported the assault to Hartford police, who arrested Lawhorn that day.

Lawhorn, 30, is now facing a total of eight second-degree sexual assault charges in connection with all three state cases. On Tuesday, he was charged by the FBI with corresponding child enticement charges. Lawhorn also is now facing several state and federal narcotics charges in connection with crack cocaine and fentanyl found in his possession during his two arrests in Hartford this summer and

Bria Holmes Elite officials announced this summer that Lawhorn was removed as a coach immediately after his June arrest but that media reports about that arrest were the first they had learned of the allegations, according to previous reports. Lawhorn coached multiple teams for the program founded in 2018 by Holmes, the former Hillhouse High star from New Haven who has played in the WNBA and with whom Lawhorn has

Attempts to reach both the program about the new charges Tuesday were unsuccessful.

Lawhorn's defense attorney Jon Schoenhorn said Lawhorn denies the allegations and intends to plead not guilty. Schoenhorn added that Lawhorn was the never the coach on the specific teams any of the three accusers played on during their time with the program and therefore the statutes the sex charges are based on should not apply to his case.

Earlier allegations

A series of arrest warrant affidavits reveal Lawhorn has been under investigation for sex assault since September 2020, when a former player reported to East Hartford police that she had been assaulted by Lawhorn repeatedly over the course of more than 10 months in 2019 and 2020, when she was 16 years old and playing for the Bria Holmes Elite program. She told police the

assaults started Memorial Day weekend of 2019 when she stayed with Lawhorn at an East Hartford hotel during a basketball tournament but found he had reserved them a room with only one bed, records show. Her family had been unable to pay for the team and tournament fees, so Lawhorn was covering the costs and arranging their travel.

The girl initially fell asleep in the room alone but was woken up later that night by Lawhorn, who told her she owed him a "massage," according to the affidavit. The girl protested but he forced her touch him and

"It's time to pay your dues," Lawhorn said, according to the girl's account.

The same thing happened again the next night at the same East Hartford hotel and the girl disclosed to East Hartford police and an FBI special agent that the assaults continued regularly across Connecticut and the country as they traveled for tournaments, according to the affidavit.

The abuse went on for more than 10 months, during which Lawhorn repeatedly told the girl she had to comply if she wanted to continue to play basketball and earn a scholarship to play in college, the state and federal records show.

The girl eventually told her mother and several family members about the alleged abuse in early 2020 after she learned she contracted a sexually transmitted disease and her only sexual contact had been with Lawhorn, court records show.

The assaults left the girl feeling "broken inside" and she has struggled with nightmares in the aftermath of the attacks, she told police.

"I don't get why he gets to live his life so great when I suffer every day for what he did to me," she said.

Despite the initial investigation a year ago into the girl's accusations in East Hartford, Lawhorn did not face any sexual assault charges until June after the the international student staying at his home reported her sexual assault the same day it occurred.

Lawhorn was arrested June 13 on one count of second-degree sexual assault and possession of narcotics in connection with that case and was released after posting \$250,000 bond.

Another victim

Two weeks later, a third girl reported to Hartford police that she had been sexually assaulted by Lawhorn at least five times during the summer of 2017 when she was 16 years old.

The alleged assaults took place at several of Lawhorn's family members' homes and in his car and, although she did not disclose the incidents at the time, the girl's mother told police she noticed a change in her daughter's behavior that summer, including a drop in her academic performance and lack of motivation, court records show.

Lawhorn contacted the girl several times in the intervening years but she only disclosed the alleged assaults in early 2021. On Oct. 5, investigators secured arrest warrants to charge Lawhorn in connection with both of the previous players' reported assaults.

That evening, Hartford patrol officers spotted Lawhorn on Imlay Street, near his brother's home, but he ran away as officers converged, according to a police report of the arrest.

Lawhorn hopped several fences – dropping a wad of 300 wax sleeves containing 67 grams of fentanyl before he was tackled by officers and handcuffed, according to the report. He was arrested and charged with felony sale of narcotics, possession of a controlled substance and interfering with an officer.

He has since been served with both outstanding sex assault warrants and remains in custody in lieu of a total \$550,000 bond, according to court records. He is scheduled to return later this month to Superior Court in Hartford.

Federal authorities incorporated the same sex assault and drug possession incidents into their own arrest warrant and filed charges Tuesday, including enticement and attempted enticement of a minor to engage in sexual activity and possession with intent distribute crack and fentanyl. If convicted, the first charge carries a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 10 years and maximum of life in prison and the second charge carries a penalty of up to 20 years in federal prison.

New Haven's Bria Holmes founded her namesake basketball program in 2018 after playing for West Virginia University and two seasons with the WNBA's Connecticut Sun. Holmes played 17 games for the Los Angeles Sparks this season but her contract was terminated in August and, after a brief stint with the Las Vegas Aces, does not appear to have a spot on a WNBA roster at this time.

The program was registered as an official AAU team from 2018 to 2020 but was not registered with the AAU this spring, federal investigators found.

Lawhorn, who played basketball at Hartford Public and South Kent School, went on to play at San Jacinto Junior College in Texas for two years before transferring to Washington State in 2013. He left the school without ever playing for the team in October 2013 after being suspended for violating team rules, according to the Spokane Spokesman-Review.

The Courant reported in 2019 that Lawhorn coached two of the program's teams and that he and Holmes were in a relationship. They have one child together.

Lamont

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Lamont was appearing at a press conference designed to increase the turnout on Nov. 2 for local elections for mayor, first selectman, school board, and a wide variety of municipal offices. Citizens should take action, he said,

rather than cursing.
"Get involved in public service," Lamont said. "Get involved in a not-for-profit. Run for office. For God's sake, vote. ... I want you to have a stake in the election. I want you to have a stake in the outcome because that's how we make this a better state and a better country."

When asked by a reporter why he decided to deliver his remarks about the protesters, Lamont responded, "It only happened three days ago, so it was fresh in my memory. It contrasted with the dignity of Colin Powell, who we didn't always agree with, but who was an amazing American patriot.

"There's been something of a coarsening of the political culture in this country. It comes and it goes, and I just thought it was worth stepping up and saying what I thought."

Asked if Biden had heard the vulgar remarks and if he spoken to the president about it, Lamont said, "I did not talk to him about it, but you could hear it loud and clear on the playground at the day care center."

Masks

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"We are recommending them, but we're not mandating them," South Windsor Town Manager Michael Maniscalco said Monday. "So somebody can walk around the town hall without a mask on and no one's going to say anything to them. Prior to lifting this mandate if someone were going to walk around the town hall without a mask on they would have been told they need to wear a mask."

Even as some towns lift their masking requirements, numerous others — including most of the state's largest cities — have left theirs in place. Additionally, all unvaccinated people in Connecticut are required to wear masks indoors in public, and masks are still required in schools state-

wide. The trend toward lifting mask mandates comes as Connecticut's COVID-19 metrics show improvement following a summer surge. As of Monday, the state's seven-day positivity rate stood at 1.94%, down from above 3% for much of August, though still much higher than in June and early July.

Still, all eight Connecticut counties currently exceed the CDC's threshold for when residents should wear masks in public, with either "substantial" or "high" transmission.

Local officials who have repealed their mask mandates say they are focused primarily on metrics in their towns, as opposed to on county-bycounty data. Manchester Mayor Jay Moran noted Monday that his town was in



Some Connecticut towns are ending mask mandates as COVID-19 numbers fall. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

the "yellow" category on the state's COVID-19 map and said he'd followed the advice of the town's local health director, who was "pretty confident that it was safe enough to move forward" without a mandate.

In Glastonbury, which repealed its mask mandate on Oct. 1, a statement on the town website said officials will continue to monitor data from the Connecticut Department of Public Health but made no mention of CDC data.

Maniscalco argued that localized metrics are more relevant than broader ones. In his view, what's happening in Hartford has little bearing on the rules in South Windsor.

'We're not weighting [CDC] metrics the same as we are state metrics," he said. "Being in Hartford County, I think the city of Hartford will outweigh a lot of those numbers, so it makes it more difficult."

Earlier in the pandemic, Connecticut enforced a statewide mask mandate for all residents regardless of vaccination status — a policy that was lifted last spring as COVID-19 cases decreased. When the emergence of the delta variant spurred a new surge this summer, Gov. Ned Lamont left the decision on whether to require masking again to individual towns, despite criticism that doing so would create a confusing patchwork of rules.

Dozens of local officials have publicly urged Lamont to set masking rules at the state level — a preference that some reiterated this week. Maniscalco said this could be particularly important if COVID-19 surges again this winter, as some experts predict will happen.

"We would be looking for the governor to step up and show us his leadership in terms of implementing a statewide mask mandate, especially if it gets that bad," Maniscalco said.

With cold weather and the potential for more COVID-19 cases ahead, Moran said he would prefer not to have to require masks in Manchester again but that town officials will do so if it becomes necessary.

"We're hoping we're not going to go back to it, but we're going to watch the numbers closely," Moran said. "Because as hard as it would be to go back and put the mandate back in place, if we feel the numbers are rising and we're getting unsafe, I'm sure we'll have that discussion."

Police

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The situation in Hartford is unfolding against a backdrop of increasing tension nationally between police departments and city officials over vaccine mandates.

More than 460 U.S. law enforcement officers have died from COVID-19 infections tied to work, making the coronavirus the top cause of death for officers in 2020 and 2021, according to the Officer Down Memorial Page. The New York Times reported last week that more American police departments in recent weeks are considering vaccine requirements, but are meeting resistance from officers and their

Some city leaders, the New York Times reported, say they fear the unpopular mandates will drive officers to leave departments that have already been crippled by mass departures, and at a time when gun violence is surging nationwide.

Statistics in some cities show police officers are vaccinated at lower rates than other employees. That's been true in New Haven, where Mayor Justin Elicker said 65% of police department members had been partially or fully vaccinated as of Oct. 13, compared to 78% of all city staff.

But while Hartford has not ruled out a mandate in the future, Bronin said he has doubts about whether a vaccine-or-test mandate is the right approach for the city of Hartford.

"That involves significant logistical work on the city side and it's unclear yet, based on the data I've seen, how effective that is in driving up the vaccination rate when there is a test-out option," he said.

He added that implementing a vaccine mandate in Hartford would likely divert health officials from other priorities for several weeks.

"It's just not clear to me that is the right use of resources in a world in which resources are finite and challenges are not," he said.

Hartford police have not released the name, condition or vaccination status of the

officer battling COVID-19. Bronin added that

all large employers in Connecticut, including municipalities, may soon be subject to vaccination mandates under a forthcoming federal rule announced recently by President Joe Biden. Biden announced in September that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will issue a new emergency vaccination or testing requirement for employers of at least 100 people.

While OSHA has yet to release the detailed rule, it's expected that it would apply to state and local government workers in some states, including Connecticut, which has an OSHA-approved job safety and health program.

In the mean time, the New

York Times reported, some city leaders fear implementing local mandates will drive officers to leave departments that have already been crippled by mass departures, and at a time when gun violence is surging nationwide.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the president's top medical adviser on COVID-19, took to Fox News on Sunday to urge police officers and other public service employees to get vaccinated.

"Think about the implications of not getting vaccinated when you're in a position where you have a responsible job, and you want to protect yourself because you're needed at your job, whether you're a police officer or a pilot or any other of those kinds of occupations," said Fauci,

director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Hartford County, and much of Connecticut, continue to see "substantial" levels of community transmission of the coronavirus, as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, while New Haven, Windham and New London counties experience "high" transmission.

As of Monday, 77.8% of all Connecticut residents and 89.2% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 69.9% of all residents and 80.3% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

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Haiti kidnappers seek \$17M ransom

Gang demanding \$1 million for each foreigner it seized

By Andre Paultre and Maria Abi-Habib The New York Times

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti The gang that kidnapped 17 people with a U.S.-based Christian aid group in Haiti on Saturday is demanding a ransom of \$1 million for each person they are holding, the country's justice minister, Liszt Quitel, said Tuesday.

"The demand was made to the country chief of the Christian Aid Ministries they asked for \$1 million per person," Quitel said in a phone interview, referring to the aid group. "Often these gangs know these demands cannot be met and they will consider a counter offer from the families, and the negotiations can take a couple of days sometimes, or a couple of weeks."

As far as he knows, he said, the gang has not issued a deadline for payment.

The Wall Street Journal earlier reported the ransom demand.

The local authorities said the people kidnapped -16Americans and one Canadian, including five children — were captured in a suburb of Port-au-Prince, the capital. The adults range in age from 18 to 48, the children from 8 months to 15 years, according to a statement from the organization on Tuesday.

"This group of workers has been committed to minister throughout poverty-stricken Haiti," the Ohio-based ministry said, adding that the missionaries worked most recently on a project to help rebuild



People protest Tuesday for the release of kidnapped missionaries in Titanyen, Haiti. JOSEPH ODELYN/AP

homes lost in a magnitude 7.2 earthquake that struck on Aug. 14.

The group was returning from visiting an orphanage when it was abducted, the organization said.

In response to a recent wave of kidnappings, workers staged a protest strike that shuttered businesses, schools and public transportation starting Monday. The work stoppage was a new blow to Haiti's anemic economy. Unions and other groups vowed to continue the shutdown indefinitely.

Meanwhile, an ongoing fuel shortage worsened, and businesses blamed gangs for blocking roads and gas distribution terminals.

On Tuesday, hundreds of motorcycles zoomed through the streets of Portau-Prince as the drivers yelled, "If there's no fuel, we're going to burn it all

One protest took place near the prime minister's residence, where police fired tear gas to disperse a crowd demanding fuel.

In Washington, White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Tuesday that the FBI was "part of a coordinated U.S. government effort" to free the missionaries. The American Embassy in Port-au-Prince was coordinating with local officials

and the hostages' families.

"We know these groups target U.S. citizens who they assume have the resources and finances to pay ransoms, even if that is not the case," she added, noting that the government has urged citizens not to visit Haiti.

It is longstanding U.S. policy not to negotiate with hostage takers, and Psaki declined to discuss details of the operation.

Haiti has been in a state of political upheaval for years, and kidnappings of the rich and poor alike are alarmingly common. But even in a country accustomed to widespread lawlessness, the abduction of such a large

group of Americans shocked officials for its brazenness.

Violence is surging across Port-au-Prince, which is controlled by gangs. On a single day last week, gangs shot at a school bus, injuring at least five people, including students, while another public bus was hijacked by a gang. By some estimates, gangs now command roughly half of the city.

Gangs have plagued Portau-Prince over the past two decades, but were often used for political purposes such as voter suppression — by powerful politicians. They have grown into a force that is now seemingly uncontrollable, thriving in the economic malaise and desperation that deepens every year, with independent gangs mushrooming across the capital.

As security has broken down, Haiti's politics have disintegrated. Two years ago, demonstrators furious at widespread corruption demanded the ouster of President Jovenel Moise, effectively paralyzing the country. The standoff prevented the sick from getting treatment in hospitals, children from attending school and workers from going to the rare jobs available. It even stopped electricity from flowing in certain areas.

Since then, gangs have become only more assertive. They operate at will, kidnapping children on their way to school and pastors in the middle of delivering their

The gang that police believe captured the missionary group is among the country's most dangerous and one of the first to engage in mass kidnappings.

Known as 400 Mawozo, the gang controls the area where the missionaries were abducted in the suburbs of Port-au-Prince. The group has sown terror there for several months, engaging in armed combat with rival gangs and kidnapping businessmen and police officers.

The gang was blamed for kidnapping five priests and two nuns this year. It is also believed to have killed Anderson Belony, a famous sculptor, on Tuesday, according to local news reports. Belony had worked to improve his impoverished community.

Associated Press contributed.

With Biden's climate plan at risk, Dems push for deal

Other proposals to get party on same page being mulled

By Lisa Mascaro and Matthew Daly **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON – With a centerpiece of President Joe Biden's climate change strategy all but dashed, Democratic lawmakers headed to the White House on Tuesday searching for new ways to narrow, reshape and swiftly wrap up negotiations on what had been his sweeping \$3.5 trillion budget plan.

Nearly 20 centrist and progressive lawmakers met in separate groups with Biden as Democrats review a "menu" of alternative emission-reducing strategies — one of the most crucial issues for voters who support the president and his party — and race to reach accord on his overall

Among the climatechange-fighting proposals being considered are a tax on carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels such as oil and coal, a methane emissions fee and tax breaks for energy providers who hit certain emissions goals.

The Democrats need to find tactics that can be accepted by both centrists and moderates, whose votes are all needed in the evenly divided Senate. Senators want to reach a framework this week.

"Our goal is to continue to make progress," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said.

Biden's climate-fighting plan seems all but dead. A key holdout, conservative Sen. Joe Manchin from coal-state West Virginia, has made it clear he is opposing the president's proposal to have the government provide financial rewards to electric utilities that meet clean energy benchmarks and impose penalties on utilities that don't, in line with the president's goal of achieving 80% "clean electricity" by 2030.

The alternative strategies being compiled and assessed could align with Manchin's stated goal of keeping a "fuel neutral" approach to federal policy that does not favor renewable energy sources over coal and natural gas that are dominant in his state — though the senator told reporters a carbon tax was not at all in the mix.

"Everybody's talking," Manchin said.

Biden wants to show progress on his entire package of expanded social services as well as climate change efforts, now being scaled back to about \$2 trillion, by the time he departs next week for a global climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland. And he's not alone.

"There was universal universal - agreement in that room that we have to come to an agreement and we got to get it done," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York said after a lengthy lunch at the Capitol that senators described as "lively" and 'spirited."

Tackling climate change has been a cornerstone of the president's "Build Back Better" proposal, his sweeping plan to bolster federal government spending on health care, child care and other social services while addressing the climate crisis that Democratic voters say is one of their most important issues.

Advocates warn that inaction on climate change could cost the U.S. billions of dollars in weather-related disasters and threaten to uproot millions of Americans in hurricanes, wildfires, droughts and floods. Twice as many peopled died in the U.S. from natural disasters in the first nine months of this year as in 2020, according to the National Oceanic



Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, right, leaves a meeting Tuesday at the Capitol. Manchin opposes parts of President Biden's plan to fight climate change. ANDREW HARNIK/AP

and Atmospheric Administration.

Without Manchin's support, however, the Clean Energy Performance Plan also called the Clean Energy Payment Plan — is almost certain to be eliminated from the package, lawmakers and aides say.

"I've been told it would be prudent to plan alternatives," said Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I.

Instead, lawmakers are eyeing a package of tax changes from Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., the chairman of the Finance Committee, who has argued that the bulk of greenhouse gas emission cuts would come from an energy tax overhaul he is spearheading.

Among tax changes his committee is considering are tax credits for energy producers that reduce emissions, and pollution fees to be paid by industries for every ton of planet-warming carbon dioxide they emit.

Psaki said that the administration has "multiple pathways" to meet Biden's pledge to cut carbon emissions in half by 2030. For months, Manchin has publicly and repeatedly rejected the size and scale of Biden's plan, and the senator has particularly objected to the green energy strategies.

He and other centrist lawmakers, including Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., have forced Biden to concede that the final price tag will likely be much smaller, likely around \$2 trillion — largely paid for with higher taxes on corporations and those earning over \$400,000 per year.

A medical worker prepares a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose Sept. 29 in California. JIM WILSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES

US likely to OK mix-and-match booster shots

By Zeke Miller Associated Press

WASHINGTON Federal regulators are expected to authorize the mixing and matching of COVID-19 booster doses this week in an effort to provide flexibility as the campaign for extra shots expands.

The upcoming announcement by the Food and Drug Administration is likely to come with authorization for boosters of the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson

shots and follows approval for a third dose for the Pfizer vaccine for many Americans last month. The move was previewed Tuesday by a U.S. health official familiar with the matter who was not authorized to speak publicly ahead of the announcement.

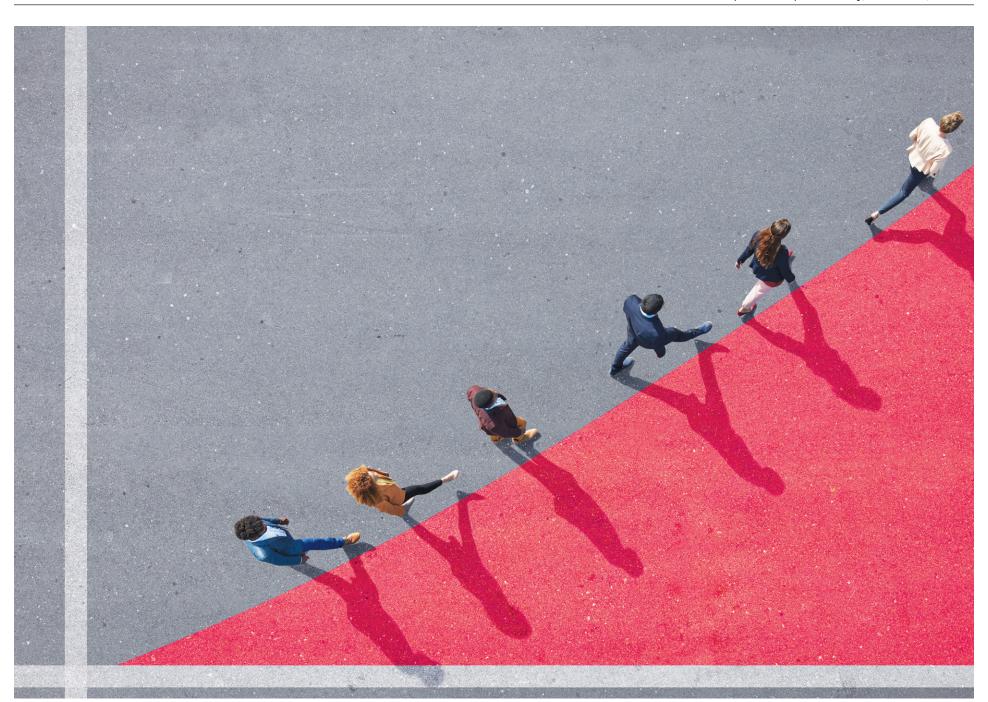
The FDA was expected to say using the same brand for a booster was still preferable, especially for mRNA vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna deemed most effective. The agency was still finalizing guidance for

Preliminary results from a government study of different booster combinations found an extra dose of any type revs up levels of virus-fighting antibodies regardless of the brand people first received. But recipients of the singledose J&J vaccination had the most dramatic response

the single-shot J&J vaccine.

- a 76-fold and 35-fold jump in antibody levels, respectively, shortly after either a Moderna or Pfizer booster, compared to four-fold after

One confusing decision is what Moderna dose to recommend in combination with other brands. Moderna has applied for its booster to be half the original dose, saying that's plenty for people who already received two full-strength shots. But the mix-and-match study used full-strength extra doses, and there's no way to know if a half-dose Moderna booster would trigger as strong a reaction in J&J recipients.



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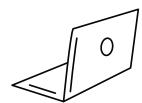




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The key to re-establishing a healthy male testosterone ratio is keeping a low ceiling on estrogen. Many men don't even realize their bodies are supposed to have estrogen ... but only a little. The problem comes when environmental toxins, weight gain, and other factors disrupt the normal male balance.

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Dr. Sears first identified the testosterone problem over two decades ago when he started testing men for estrogen as well as testoster-

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Now other experts are finally catching up. They're blaming bisphenol-A (BPA) and a host of other gender-bending chemicals in the environment for making millions of men feel less powerful and less energetic.

One of those experts leading the way is Dr. Shanna H. Swan of the Mt. Sinai Medical Center, who recently reported on how rampant environmental contaminants like bisphenol-A (BPA) are affecting men's health.

Dr. Swan recently reported the average testosterone level for a man has been dropping about 1% a year since the mid-70s. She made that discovery after reviewing 183 studies involving 43,000 men.

Dr. Sears comments, "It's an alarming trend, and most doctors think the answer is testosterone replacement therapy. But that's actually quite invasive and over time it has serious physical side effects."

Dr Sears unveiled Estro-Cleanse Plus as the culand has written 13 books mination of all his clinical research. Based on results with patients in his own consistently supports an 82% healthier testosterone balance in men.

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Ever since Dr. Sears had those initial consultations with patients, he's been looking forward to the day vhen manliness would mount a big comeback. clinic, Estro-Cleanse Plus Now, thanks to Estro-Cleanse Plus he's pleased to announce that day has

How to Get Estro-**Cleanse Plus**

To secure a supply of Estro-Cleanse Plus, men need to contact the Sears Health Hotline directly at 1-800-905-8251, within the next 48 hours. "It's not available in drug stores yet," says Dr. Sears. "The Hotline allows us to ship directly to the customer and we're racing to keep up with demand."

Dr. Sears feels so strongly about Estro-Cleanse's life-changing effects that all orders are backed by a 100% money-back guarantee. "Just send me back the bottle and any unused product within 90 days from purchase date, and I'll send you all your money back," he says.

Given the recent demand, the Hotline will only be open for the next 48 hours. After that, the phone number will have to be shut down to allow for restock-

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Health care an invisible casualty

System neglected, underfunded even before pandemic

By Mike Baker and Danielle Ivory The New York Times

PORT ANGELES, Wash. — As she leaves work, Dr. Allison Berry keeps a vigilant eye on her rearview mirror, watching the vehicles around her, weighing if she needs to take a more circuitous route home. She must make sure nobody finds out where she lives.

When the pandemic first hit the northern edge of Washington's Olympic Peninsula, Berry was a popular family physician and local health officer, trained in biostatistics and epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University. She processed COVID-19 test kits in her garage and delivered supplies to people in quarantine, leading a mobilization that kept her counties with some of the fewest deaths in the nation.

But this summer, as a delta variant wave pushed case numbers to alarming levels, Berry announced a mask mandate. In September, she ordered vaccination requirements for indoor dining.

By then, to many in the community, the enemy was not the virus. It was her.

Berry should be attacked "on sight," one resident wrote online. Someone else suggested bringing back public hangings. Protesters showed up at her house, until they learned that Berry was no longer living there

was no longer living there.

"The places where it is most needed to put in more stringent measures, it's the least possible to do it," Berry said. "Either because you're afraid you're going to get fired, or you're afraid you're going to get killed. Or both."

State and local public health departments across the country have endured

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Dr. Allison Berry, health officer for Clallam County, Washington, is escorted to her car Sept. 24 by Sheriff Ron Cameron. RUTH FREMSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES

not only the public's fury, but widespread staff defections, burnout, firings, unpredictable funding and a significant erosion in their authority to impose the health orders that were critical to the United States' early response to the pandemic.

While the coronavirus has killed more than 700,000 in the U.S. in nearly two years, a more invisible casualty has been the nation's public health system. Already underfunded and neglected even before the pandemic, public health has been further undermined in ways that could resound for decades to come. A New York Times review of hundreds of health departments in all 50 states indicates that local public less equipped to confront a pandemic now than it was at the beginning of 2020.

The Times interviewed more than 140 local health officials, public health experts and lawmakers, reviewed new state laws, analyzed local government documents and sent a survey to every county health department in the country. Almost 300 departments responded. The examination showed that:

- Public health agencies have seen a staggering exodus of personnel, many exhausted and demoralized, in part because of abuse and threats. The Times identified more than 500 top health officials who left their jobs in the past 19 months.
- Legislators have approved more than 100 new laws with hundreds more

under consideration — that limit state and local health powers.

■ Large segments of the public have also turned against agencies, voting in new local government leaders who ran on pledges to rein in public health departments.
■ Billions of dollars have

■ Billions of dollars have been made available to public health by the federal government, but most of it has been geared toward stemming the emergency, rather than hiring permanent staff or building long-term capability.

There are already signs that the growing shortfalls in public health could have lasting impacts beyond the pandemic.

More than 220 depart-

ments told the Times they had to temporarily or permanently abandon other public health functions to respond to the pandemic, leading to a spike in drug overdoses and a disturbing drop in reports of child abuse. Several health officials pointed to runaway infections of sexually transmitted diseases, with gonorrhea cases doubling and syphilis on pace to triple in one county in Pennsylvania.

During the pandemic, the federal government made tens of billions of dollars available to bolster testing, contact tracing and vaccinations. In May, the Biden administration announced that it would invest an additional \$7.4 billion from the COVID-19 stimulus package to train and recruit public health workers.

But while health offi-

cials described the money as critical to helping them quickly build out teams after years of budget cuts, many of those new hires were temporary workers and much of the spending went to urgent needs such as testing and vaccinations.

And the funding is not permanent. Many local health officials said they expected that the extra money would peter out over the next two to three years. Dozens of departments said that, in order to be prepared for more surges or a future pandemic, what they truly needed was a higher baseline of qualified, permanent employees. Instead, they bought equipment or, more frequently, hired temporary staff, knowing they would need to let them go when the money dried up.



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Radicals in Pakistan receive boost

Afghan Taliban's rise emboldens faction across the border

By Kathy Gannon Associated Press

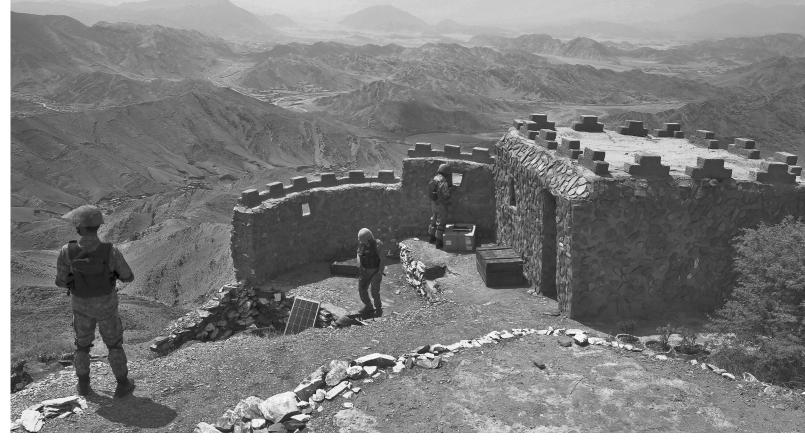
PESHAWAR, Pakistan — In Pakistan's rugged tribal regions along the border with Afghanistan, a quiet and persistent warning is circulating. The Taliban are returning.

Pakistan's own Taliban movement, which had in years past waged a violent campaign against the Islamabad government, has been emboldened by the return to power of the Taliban in Afghanistan.

They seem to be preparing to retake control of the tribal regions that they lost nearly seven years ago in a major operation by Pakistan's military. Pakistani Taliban are already increasing their influence. Local contractors report Taliban-imposed surcharges on every contract and the killing of those who defy them.

ing of those who defy them. In early September, for example, a contractor named Noor Islam Dawar built a small canal not far from the town of Mir Ali near the Afghan border. It wasn't worth more than \$5,000. Still, the Taliban came calling, demanding their share of \$1,100. Dawar had nothing to give and pleaded for their understanding, according to relatives and local activists. A week later he was dead, shot by unknown gunmen. His family blames the Taliban.

Pakistan's Taliban, known as the Tehrik-e-Taliban or TTP, is a separate organization from Afghanistan's Taliban, though they share much of the same hard-line ideology and are allied. The TTP arose in the early 2000s and launched a campaign of bombings and other attacks, vowing to bring down the Pakistani government and seizing control in many tribal



Pakistani army soldiers maintain a hilltop observation post in August in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province along the border with Afghanistan . ANJUM NAVEED/AP

areas. The military crack-down of the 2010s managed to repress it.

But the TTP was reorganizing in havens in Afghanistan even before the Afghan Taliban took over Kabul on Aug. 15.

"The Afghan Taliban's stunning success in defeating the American superpower has emboldened the Pakistani Taliban. ... They now seem to believe they too can wage a successful jihad against the Pakistani 'infidel' state and have returned to insurgency mode," said Brian Glyn Williams, Islamic history professor at the University of Massachusetts, who has written extensively on jihad movements.

The TTP has ramped up attacks in recent months. More than 300 Pakistanis have been killed in terrorist attacks since January, including 144 military personnel, according to the

Islamabad-based Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies.

The events in Afghanistan have also energized the scores of radical religious parties in Pakistan, said Amir Rana, executive director of the Islamabad-based Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies.

These parties openly revile minority Shiite Muslims as heretics and on occasion bring thousands on to the street to defend their hard-line interpretation of Islam. One party, the Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan, has a single agenda: to protect a controversial blasphemy law. The law has been used against minorities and opponents and can incite mobs to kill simply over an accusation of insulting Islam.

Already buffeted by a growing religiosity, Pakistani society is at risk of transforming into one similar to Taliban-run Afghanistan, Rana warned.

A Gallup Pakistan poll released last week found 55% of Pakistanis would support an "Islamic government" like the one advocated by Afghanistan's Taliban. Gallup surveyed 2,170 Pakistanis soon after the Taliban takeover in Kabul.

Pakistan has shied away from offering unilateral recognition to the all-Taliban government in Afghanistan, but has been pushing for the world to engage with the new rulers.

It has urged the United States to release funds to the Afghan government, while urging the Taliban to open their ranks to minorities and non-Taliban.

Pakistan's relationship with the Afghan Taliban is a constant source of angst in America, where Republican senators have introduced a law that would sanction Islamabad for allegedly working against the U.S. to bring the Taliban to power.

The charge has angered Pakistan, whose leaders say it was asked and delivered the Taliban to the negotiation table with the U.S., which eventually led to an agreement paving the way for America's final withdrawal.

Pakistan's ties to many of the Afghan Taliban go back to the 1980s when Pakistan was the staging arena for a U.S.-backed fight against Soviet forces in Afghanistan. In particular, the Haqqani group, possibly Afghanistan's most powerful Taliban faction, has a long relationship with Pakistan's intelligence agency, ISI.

Pakistan has turned to Sirajuddin Haqqani, the interior minister in Afghanistan's new Taliban government, for help in starting talks with the Pakistani Taliban, said Asfandyar Mir, a senior expert at the U.S. Institute of Peace.

In the attempts to put together negotiations with Islamabad, the TTP is demanding control over parts of the tribal regions and rule by its strict interpretation of Islamic Shariah law in those areas, as well as the right to keep their weapons, according to two Pakistani figures familiar with the demands.

Bill Roggio of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, a U.S.-based think tank, said Pakistan is opening talks with the Taliban to stop the increasing attacks on its military, but he warned that "the government is opening Pandora's box."

"The TTP will not be satisfied with ruling a small portion of Pakistan, it will inevitably want more than what it is given," Roggio said.



and fire on board the ship. The ship was destroyed in the blaze. **DENIS POROY/ AP 2020**

Broad failures in blaze that destroyed ship, probe shows

By Lolita C. Baldor Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Navy report has concluded there were sweeping failures by commanders, crew members and others that fueled the July 2020 arson that destroyed the USS Bonhomme Richard, calling the massive five-day blaze in San Diego preventable

and unacceptable. While one sailor has been charged with setting the fire, the more than 400-page report, obtained by The Associated Press, lists three dozen officers and sailors whose failings either directly led to the ship's loss or contributed to it. The findings detailed widespread lapses in training, coordination, communication, fire preparedness, equipment maintenance and overall command and control.

"Although the fire was started by an act of arson, the ship was lost due to an inability to extinguish the fire," the report said, concluding that "repeated failures" by an "inadequately prepared crew" delivered "an ineffective fire response."

The report describes a ship in disarray, with combustible materials stacked, scattered and stored improperly. It said maintenance reports were falsified, and that 87% of the fire stations on board had equipment problems or had not been inspected.

Sailors also failed to push the button that would have activated the firefighting foam system, even though it was accessible and could have slowed the progress of the fire," the report said.

Blame was given to a wide range of ranks and responsibilities, from the now retired three-star admiral who headed Naval Surface Force Pacific Fleet — Vice Adm. Richard Brown — to senior commanders, petty officers, lieutenants and civilian program managers. A total of 17 were cited for failures that "directly" led to the loss of the ship, while 17 others "contributed" to the loss of the ship. Two other sailors were faulted for not effectively helping the fire

response.
Adm. William Lescher, the vice chief of naval operations, has designated the commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet to handle any disci-

plinary actions for military members. It's not clear if any have been relieved of command or removed from jobs as a result of the fire.

But the report said failures of Brown; Rear Adm. Scott Brown, the fleet maintenance officer for the Pacific Fleet; Rear Adm. William Greene, the fleet maintenance officer for U.S. Fleet Forces Command; Rear. Adm. Eric Ver Hage, commander of the regional maintenance center; Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander of Navy Region Southwest; Capt. Mark Nieswiadomy, commander of Naval Base San Diego; and Capt. Tony Rodriguez, commander of Amphibious Squadron 5, all "contributed

to the loss of the ship."

The report also faults the ship's three top officers — Capt. Gregory Thoroman, the commanding officer; Capt. Michael Ray, the executive officer; and Command Master Chief Jose Hernandez — for not effectively ensuring the readiness and condition of the ship.

About 138 sailors were on board, and nearly 60 were treated for heat exhaustion, smoke inhalation and minor injuries.

Brazilian panel set to accuse Bolsonaro of mass homicide

By Jack Nicas
The New York Times

BRASILIA, Brazil — A Brazilian congressional panel is set to recommend mass homicide charges against President Jair Bolsonaro, asserting that he intentionally let the coronavirus rip through the country and kill hundreds of thousands in a failed bid to achieve herd immunity and revive Latin America's largest economy.

est economy.

A report from a congressional probe, investigation, excerpts from which were viewed by The New York Times ahead of its scheduled release this week, also recommends criminal charges against 69 other people, including three of Bolsonaro's sons and numerous current and former government officials

cials.

The accusations appear in a nearly 1,200-page report that effectively blames Bolsonaro's policies for the deaths of more than 300,000 Brazilians, half of the nation's coronavirus death toll, and urges the Brazilian authorities to imprison the president, according to the excerpts from the report and interviews with two of the committee's senators.

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"Many of these deaths were preventable," Renan Calheiros, the centrist Brazilian senator who was the lead author of the report, said in an interview in his office late Monday. "I am personally convinced that he is responsible for escalating the slaughter."

It is unclear whether the report will lead to criminal charges. But it may prove a major escalation in the political challenges confronting Bolsonaro, a polarizing leader who took office in 2019, faces reelection next year and is suffering falling popularity.

From the outset of the pandemic, Bolsonaro has gone out of his way to mini-



With Jair Bolsonaro as president, more than 600,000 people in Brazil have died from COVID-19. ERALDO PERES/AP

mize the threat of the virus. As countries around the world locked down, and his own people began filling hospitals, he encouraged mass gatherings and discouraged masks. An avowed vaccine skeptic, he lashed out at any who dared criticize him as irresponsible.

Those actions, the report argued, amounted to mass homicide.

Bolsonaro's office did not respond to requests for comment, but the president has criticized the Senate's investigation into his handling of the pandemic as politically motivated. "Did you know that I was indicted for homicide today?" he asked supporters after the first details leaked out. He later called Calheiros "dirty."

The report's findings culminate a six-month investigation by a special COVID-19 Senate committee that held more than 50 hearings. They became must-see television in Brazil, featuring testimony about bribery schemes and disinformation operations. One lawmaker wore a bulletproof vest to testify that some vaccine purchases included kickbacks.

Written by a small group of senators after a wide-ranging investiga-

tion, the report also accuses Bolsonaro of "genocide" against Indigenous groups in the Amazon, where the virus decimated populations for months after hospitals there ran out of oxygen.

The report found that the president had pushed unproven drugs like hydroxychloroquine well after they had been shown to be ineffective for treating COVID-19 and that his administration caused a monthslong delay in the distribution of vaccines in Brazil by ignoring more than 100 emails from Pfizer. Instead, his government opted to overpay for an unapproved vaccine from India, the report said, a deal that was later canceled over suspicions of graft.

The committee was scheduled to release the report on Wednesday and then vote on it a week later. The group of seven opposition senators generally agree on the report, Calheiros said, suggesting that it would be approved. The Times viewed what was described as a final draft, though the details could still change before its release.

One of the four senators on the committee who support the president is his son, Flavio Bolsonaro. The report that he will vote on next week will recommend criminal charges against him too.

In addition to the homicide and genocide charges, the report recommends nine additional charges against Jair Bolsonaro, including forging documents and "crimes against humanity."

If the report is approved, Brazil's attorney general will have 30 days to decide whether to pursue criminal charges against Bolsonaro and the others named in the report. Brazil's lower house in Congress would also have to approve charges against Bolsonaro.

WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

Taliban give approval for Afghan children to get polio vaccinations

From news services

ISTANBUL, Turkey -U.N. agencies are gearing up to vaccinate all of Afghanistan's children younger than 5 against polio for the first time since 2018, after the Taliban agreed to the campaign, the World Health Organization

For the past three years, the Taliban barred U.N.-organized vaccination teams from door-to-door campaigns in parts of Afghanistan under their control, apparently out of suspicion they could be spies for the government or the West. Because of the ban and ongoing fighting, some 3.3 million children over the past three years have not been vaccinated. The Taliban's reported agreement after becoming the rulers of Afghanistan appeared aimed at showing they are willing to cooperate with international agencies. The Taliban leadership did not confirm its agreement, and Taliban officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only countries in the world where polio remains endemic. The disease can cause partial paralysis in children. Most of the workers in the inoculation campaigns are women, since they can get better access to mothers and children.

WHO said a nationwide vaccination campaign will begin Nov. 8, followed by another synchronized with Pakistan's polio vaccination campaign in December.

The estimated target population is Afghanistan's 10 million children younger than 5, including the more than 3.3 million who could not be reached since 2018, Dr. Hamid Jafari, WHO's director of polio eradication for the Eastern Mediterranean region, told The Associated

Feds raid oligarch's homes: Federal agents were carrying out "law enforcement activity" Tuesday at a Washington mansion and New York City townhouse tied to Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska, a close ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

FBI officials would not provide any additional information about the circumstances surrounding their presence at either property or any information about potential investigations involving Deripaska.

A spokesperson for Deripaska told reporters that the searches were "connected to U.S. sanctions" and that the homes didn't belong to him but belonged to relatives. Sanctions imposed on Deripaska in 2018 prevent him from doing business or owning property in the U.S.

In Washington, the agents were carrying out "court-authorized law enforcement activity" at the mansion, an agency spokesperson said.

In New York City, an FBI spokesman said agents were carrying out a "law enforcement operation related to an ongoing investigation" in searching a home connected to Deripaska in the Greenwich Village neighborhood.

The wealthy Russian was mentioned multiple times in special counsel Robert Mueller's report on interference in the 2016 presidential election.

Texas congressional maps: Texas Republicans approved redrawn U.S. House maps that favor incumbents and decrease political representation for growing minority communities, even as Latinos drive much of the growth in the nation's largest red state.

The maps were approved late Monday night following outcry from Democrats over what they claimed was a rushed redistricting process crammed into a 30-day



Puppet's journey: A nearly 12-foot-tall puppet of a Syrian refugee child created to symbolize millions of displaced children landed Tuesday on the coast of southeast England on the final leg of a 5,000-mile journey across Europe from Syria's border with Turkey. The puppet is named Little Amal, meaning "hope" in Arabic. GARETH FULLER/PAIMAGES

session, and one which gave little time for public input.

Republicans have said they followed the law in defending the maps, which protect their slipping grip on Texas by pulling more GOP-leaning voters into suburban districts where Democrats have made inroads in recent years.

The plan does not create any additional districts where Black or Hispanic voters make up more than 50% of the voting population, even as people of color accounted for more than 9 of 10 new residents in Texas over the past decade.

African glaciers: Africa's rare glaciers will disappear in the next two decades because of climate change, a new report warned Tuesday.

The report from the World Meteorological Organization and other agencies, released ahead of the U.N. climate conference in Scotland that starts Oct. 31, is a reminder that Africa's 1.3 billion people remain "extremely vulnerable" as the continent warms more, and at a faster rate, than the global average.

Africa's 54 countries are

responsible for less than 4% of global greenhouse gas emissions. The new report seizes on the shrinking glaciers of Mount Kilimanjaro, Mount

Kenya and the Rwenzori

Mountains in Uganda as symbols of the rapid and widespread changes to come. "Their current retreat rates are higher than the global average. If this continues, it will lead to total deglaciation

by the 2040s," it says.

Mexican officer: A former Mexican police commander admitted Tuesday that he accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes to help cartels ship cocaine into the United States.

Ivan Reyes Arzate served for years as a main point of contact for intelligence sharing between the United States and the Mexican federal

He pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in New York to conspiring with the El Seguimiento 39 drug cartel, which authorities said is associated with the Sinaloa Cartel, whose former leader is

Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman. Arzate was sentenced to three years in U.S. federal prison after pleading no contest in Chicago to charges he traded secrets to Mexico's Beltran Leyva cartel, which was then a faction of Guzman's cartel. Federal prosecutors in that case said Arzate had drawn on access to U.S. intelligence to help unmask an informant who was later killed.

Arzate, 49, is scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 6. He faces up to 40 years in prison.

Arbery jury selection: Attorneys resumed questioning potential jurors Tuesday in the trial of three white men charged with chasing and killing Ahmaud Arbery, with several jury pool members saying they know the defendants or others close to a case that has sparked a national outcry.

Father and son Greg and Travis McMichael and a neighbor, William "Roddie" Bryan, are charged with murder and other crimes in the 25-vear-old Black man's death after a video of the Feb. 23, 2020, killing leaked online two months later.

By afternoon, Superior Court Judge Timothy Walmsley had not declared anyone qualified to remain in the final group from which the jury will be chosen. At least 14 pool members have been dismissed since jury selection began Monday.

At least five potential jurors told the judge and attorneys Tuesday they know people involved in the case.

One man said his father is a longtime prosecutor who had worked with Greg McMichael before the defendant retired as an investigator for the local district attorney and before Arbery was killed.



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BUSINESS

Regulators issue plan for selling hearing aids OTC

Health officials say the proposal should lower prices that can exceed \$5,000

By Matthew Perrone

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Health regulators on Tuesday unveiled their proposal to allow Americans to buy hearing aids without a prescription, a long-awaited move intended to make the devices more accessible to millions of people with hearing problems.

The Food and Drug Administration said the proposed rule would cut red tape that currently requires hearing exams and a prescription for people with mild-to-moderate hearing loss. Under the plan, the devices could be ordered online or bought over-the-counter at pharmacies and other retail stores.

The move follows years of pressure from medical experts and consumer advocates to make the devices cheaper and easier to get.

More than 37 million Americans, or 15% of adults, have trouble hearing, according to the FDA, but only about one-fifth of people who can benefit from a hearing aid use one.

Cost is a big obstacle. Between the device itself and fitting services, Americans can pay more than \$5,000 to get a hearing aid. Insurance coverage is very limited, and Medicare doesn't pay for hearing aids, only diagnostic tests.

U.S. officials said Tuesday that the FDA change, when finalized, should spur competition and bring down prices.

"Today we open the door to an easier process and a more affordable process," Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra told reporters.

The agency will take public comments on its proposal for 90 days before finalizing the new rules. FDA officials wouldn't speculate on when new devices would actually hit store shelves.

Consumer electronic companies for years have produced lower-cost "personal sound amplification" devices, but U.S. regulations bar them from being marketed as hearing aids and they do not undergo FDA review. Regulators said Tuesday that the new rules will make explicit that those devices are not alternatives to FDA-vetted hearing aids. Companies that market them inappropriately could face federal penalties, such as fines or product seizures.

For their part, makers of hearing aids have long argued that professional expertise is required to pick the right device and adjust its settings to work properly.

Once the FDA rules take effect, traditional manufacturers are expected to begin selling cheaper, direct-to-consumer models. Eventually, advocates predict the hearing aid market will resemble eye care by offering a choice between drugstore reading glasses or prescription bifocals.

The looser regulations would not apply to devices for people with severe hearing loss or for children. Also, the agency said over-the-counter devices would be required to have volume limits and other measures to help prevent injuries.

Tuesday's announcement follows prodding from medical committees and Congress, which in 2017 instructed the agency to lay out a plan for over-the-counter hearing devices by August 2020. The agency missed that deadline, in part due to the workload of the COVID-19



Cattle occupy a feed lot in Columbus, Nebraska. Ranchers in at least four states are planning to open slaughterhouses. NATI HARNIK/AP 2020

Beefing up their bottom lines

Ranchers look to build own slaughter plants to combat low prices, consolidation

By Scott McFetridge Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa - Like other ranchers across the country, Rusty Kemp for years grumbled about rock-bottom prices paid for the cattle he raised in Nebraska, even as the cost of beef at grocery stores kept climbing.

He and his neighbors blamed it on consolidation in the beef industry stretching back to the 1970s, giving the processors more power to set prices while ranchers struggled. Federal data show that for every dollar spent on food, the share that went to ranchers and farmers dropped from 35 cents in the 1970s to 14 cents recently.

It led Kemp to launch an audacious plan: Raise more than \$300 million from ranchers to build a plant themselves.

"We've been complaining about it for 30 years," Kemp said. "It's probably time somebody does something about it."

Crews will start work this fall building the Sustainable Beef plant near North Platte, Nebraska, and other groups are making similar moves in Iowa, Idaho and Wisconsin. The enterprises will test whether it's possible to compete financially against an industry trend that has swept through American agriculture and that played a role in meat shortages during the coronavirus pandemic.

The question is whether smaller plants can pay ranchers more and still make a

An average 1,370-pound steer is worth about \$1,630, but that must be divided among the slaughterhouse, feed lot and the rancher, who typically bears the largest expense of raising the animal for more than a vear.

David Briggs, the CEO of Sustainable Beef, acknowledged the difficulty but said his company's investors remain confident.

'Cattle people are risk takers and they're ready to take a risk," Briggs said.

Consolidation of meatpacking started in the mid-1970s, with buyouts of smaller companies, mergers and a shift to much larger plants. Census data cited by the USDA shows that the number of livestock slaughter plants declined from 2,590 in 1977 to 1,387 in 1992. And big processors gradually dominated, going from handling only 12% of cattle in 1977 to 65% by 1997.

Only four companies - Cargill, JBS. Tyson Foods and National Beef Packing control over 80% of the U.S. beef market thanks to cattle slaughtered at 24 plants. That became problematic when the coronavirus infected workers, slowing and even closing some of the massive plants, and a cyberattack last summer briefly forced a shutdown of JBS plants until the company paid an \$11 million ransom.

The backers of the planned plants have no intention of replacing the giant slaughterhouses, such as a JBS plant in Grand Island, Nebraska, that processes about 6,000 cattle daily – four times what the proposed North Platte plant would handle.

However, they say they will have advantages, including more modern equipment and, they hope, less employee turnover thanks to slightly higher pay of more than \$50,000 annually plus benefits along with more favorable work schedules. The new Midwest plants are also counting on closer ties with ranchers, encouraging them to invest in the plants, to share in the profits.

The companies would market their beef both domestically and internationally as being of higher quality than meat processed

Spain court tosses suit over site of sea treasure

Associated Press

MADRID — A Spanish court has shelved a lawsuit against American treasure hunters that accused them of having destroyed an underwater archaeological site when they looted a sunken galleon for tons of precious coins over a decade ago.

In 2007, the Florida-based Odyssey Marine Exploration scooped up over half a million silver and gold coins from the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean when it discovered a sunken Spanish galleon. Spain disputed the company's claim to the treasure, which was worth an estimated \$500 million. Following a five-year legal battle in U.S. courts, Odyssey had to return the treasure to Spain in 2012.

A separate case on whether the Odyssey had committed a crime by allegedly destroying the underwater site where it found the Nuestra Senora de las Mercedes ship was tossed out in 2016. Now, another court has said that an appeal by Spanish archaeologists against that decision has been thrown out as well. This decision is not open to appeal.

In court documents seen by Associated Press on Tuesday, the panel of three judges presiding over the court in the southern city of Cadiz said the five-year statue of limita-tions for the alleged crime had already passed. But they also complained that a 2013 request made to the United States for the owners of Odyssey to be questioned in the case was never heeded.

"Even though we share our surprise, puzzlement, and even anger, for what we can only call the unprecedented course of this case, it would be senseless to let it go on if we consider the statue of limitation," the

The Mercedes galleon was sunk by British ships near the Strait of Gibraltar in 1804. It was transporting silver and gold coins that were mined and minted in the Andes.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Facebook settles US suit on bias

WASHINGTON — Facebook is paying a \$4.75 million fine and up to \$9.5 million to eligible victims to resolve the Justice Department's allegations that it discriminated against U.S. workers in favor of foreigners with special visas to fill high-paying jobs.

Facebook also agreed in the settlement announced Tuesday to conduct more widespread advertising and recruitment for job opportunities in its permanent labor certification program.

It is the largest civil penalty and backpay award ever recovered by the civil rights division in the 35-year history of enforcing anti-discrimination rules under the Immigration and Nationality Act, officials said.

The lawsuit was filed against Facebook last December by the Justice Department.

Homebuilding slumps in Sept.

SILVER SPRING, Md. — U.S. home construction fell 1.6% in September as builders continue to be tripped up by supply chain bottlenecks.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that the decline in September left home construction at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.56 million units, 7.4% above the rate one year ago. August's number was revised upward to 1.72 million from 1.62

Applications for building permits, a barometer of future activity, declined 7.7% from August to 1.59 million.

Low interest rates and a desire for more space have lured buyers into the market, but rising costs for materials and a yearslong shortage of supply have creased prices.

Britain seeks investment for green projects

By Jill Lawless and Kelvin Chan **Associated Press**

LONDON - The United Kingdom announced plans Tuesday to stop installing home heating that uses fossil fuels by 2035 as the government hosted a meeting aimed at attracting billions of dollars in foreign investment for green projects in Britain.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson told the Global Investment Summit in London that private-sector investment and consumer pressure were key to slashing carbon emissions and controlling climate change.

"I can deploy billions," Johnson told a room full of CEOs and other business leaders. "But you in this room, you can deploy trillions."

"The market is going green," he added. Among pledges from the one-day meeting at London's Science Museum was a partnership with Bill Gates' Breakthrough Energy Catalyst to drive \$275 million of private sector investment in green power programs in the U.K., matching the same amount from the government.

The money will finance development in the U.K. of four key green tech areas: green hydrogen, long-term storage for renewable but intermittent energy sources like wind and solar, sustainable aviation fuels and directly capturing carbon dioxide from the air.

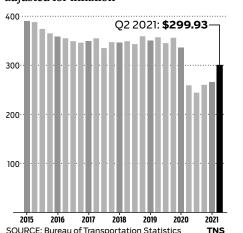
The former Microsoft CEO said those technologies are uneconomical now but pouring money into their development would help drive innovation to make them

"We will scale those up and bring down that cost, so we'll get these to the same place we are today with solar and onshore wind and so they can be scaled up to reduce emissions," Gates said in a discussion with John-

son on the summit stage. Gates wasn't the only billionaire making big sustainable funding pledges Tuesday. The philanthropic organization of former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who's a U.N. special climate envoy, and the International Solar Alliance said they're teaming up to work on the goal of mobilizing \$1 trillion in investments for solar power in the alliance's 80 member coun-

Average airfare

U.S. domestic quarterly average airfare, adjusted for inflation



Hartford home sales slow with fewer property choices

By Kenneth R. Gosselin Hartford Courant

Home sales in greater Hartford aren't getting the expected bump up so far this fall, a new report showed Tuesday. The number of single-family houses up for sale plunged nearly 30% in September and sales fell, as buyers appeared more wary of fewer choices and higher

The report from the Greater Hartford Association of Realtors, an industry group, also suggested there won't be a lot of change as

the area approaches winter: pending sales — an indicator of expected home sales in the next 45 to 60 days decreased by 13% in September, compared with

One bright spot in Tuesday's report showed the median sale price of a single-family house in September still rose more than 3%, to \$300,000 from \$290,000 a year earlier, on sales that dropped nearly 7% from a year ago.

the same month a year ago.

"The drop in sales could be due to potential buyers waiting for prices to ease," Holly Callanan, the association's chief executive said, in a release

The association tracks 27 towns and cities in the Hartford area stretching from Suffield to Rocky Hill and Canton to Willington.

Throughout Connecticut - and especially in the Hartford area — the pandemic touched off a home-buying frenzy. Buyers sought bigger living spaces as more people worked from home and adjusted to remote school-

The Greater Hartford market turned red-hot and drew national attention, earning a spot more than once on national listings of metro areas across the country with the most home sale activity.

In recent months, however, there has been a bit of a slowing, as the inventory of properties for sale has dwindled. Real estate agents say would-be sellers are sitting on the sidelines, concerned they won't find another home if they sell theirs.

Buyers also are turning more cautious about what they pay, especially if list prices are too high. Agents say homes that are priced

competitively can still draw multiple offers and sell for over the list price, however.

Rising mortgage rates also have the potential to further slow the trajectory of home purchases. Higher borrowing costs mean buyers cannot afford as high a priced home, a concern in a market where prices have risen in the last year.

The 30-year fixed-rate average climbed to 3.05% last week, according to mortgage giant Freddie Mac, compared with 2.81% a year ago and 2.99% a week earlier.

Even with a modest cool-

ing this fall, the home sale market is still shaping up for a healthy year in 2021.

Through the first nine months of this year, sales rose 4% and the median sale price jumped more than 15% to \$310,000 from \$269,000 for the same period in 2020. The average days on market after a single-family house was listed dropped sharply by more than 43% to 30 days, from 53 days, according to Tuesday's report.

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In South Texas, an old water system meets a region in flux

By Suman Naishadham Associated Press

McALLEN, Texas — On a scorching afternoon in South Texas, Sonia Lambert looked at an open-air canal that carries mud-green water from the Rio Grande to nearby towns and farmland, losing much of it to evaporation and seepage along the way

"That will be someone else's problem," Lambert said, referring to her upcoming retirement as head of an irrigation district near the U.S.-Mexico border.

In the Rio Grande Valley, a canal system designed over 100 years ago for agriculture still delivers water to the region's lush farmland and fast-growing towns and cities. Today, the canals lose as much as 40% of the water they carry, waste that experts say could contribute to steep water shortages in coming decades as the population grows and climate change intensifies droughts.

"As this region continues to become drier due to climate change, water supplies will be greatly

reduced," said Guy Fipps, a professor of irrigation engineering at Texas A&M University who has studied the water system since 1998.

State water officials predict that over the next 50 years, demand for water in the area's cities and towns will double.

For decades, McAllen developed at a dizzying pace, with newcomers drawn to a large free-trade zone and jobs in health care, education and retail.

Between 1990 and 2020, McAllen and the neighboring cities of Edinburg and Mission grew sixfold to nearly 871,000 people, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Similarly, the Mexican cities of Reynosa and Matamoros across the border mushroomed after U.S.-owned assembly plants were established in the mid-1990s.

Further complicating matters is a 1944 treaty between the U.S. and Mexico that defines how the countries share water from the Rio Grande. Mexico is supposed to route 350,000 acre-feet of water every vear to the U.S. — enough to supply as many as 700,000 households. But it has periodically failed to meet those obligations, delaying deliveries because of drought, tight water supplies and a thirsty crop industry in

northern Mexico. The late deliveries are a source of frustration, but water managers and farmers in the U.S. are quick to acknowledge a major challenge at home too: the leaky canal system that has long been seen by local and state officials as too expensive to overhaul.

The region's more than 2,000 miles of pipelines and canals - some 100-feet wide - are meant for large, infrequent deliveries to farmland. Common fixes to modernize the waterways and make them more efficient attempted by many districts to some degree — include lining earthen canals with concrete and more closely monitoring water use by farms with meters. Another option comes with a bigger price tag: replacing canals with underground pipelines, which lose far less water and

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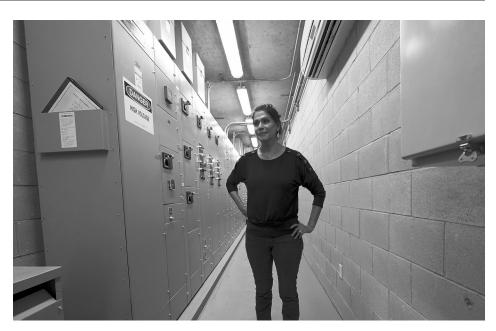
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Sonia Lambert, general manager of Cameron County Irrigation District #2, at a pump station Sept. 15 in Texas. ERIC GAY/AP

are better suited to serving

Converting a mile of openair canal into underground pipelines costs between \$250,000 and \$1 million, said Lambert, the irrigation district manager for Cameron County, which remains mostly rural. Her district has only been able to bring about a fifth of its 250 miles of canals underground in the past two decades, she said.

Since the early 1900s, a network of about two dozen independent irrigation districts have served the area's farmers, cities and towns. But as McAllen gobbled up much of the farmland surrounding it, some officials have wanted more control over a water district they say charges the city too much for water

Yet the higher rates charged to city water utilities are often how irrigation districts pay for canal repairs, said Fipps. That has meant the water districts serving bigger cities have generally made more progress in bringing canals up to

Still, the Rio Grande Valley's water utilities and farms are linked by the same aging system.

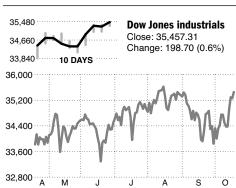
Since cities and farms get water from the same canals, hydrologists and water officials say the Rio Grande's shrinking flows and low reservoir levels could eventually spell trouble for everyone in a prolonged drought. When there's little water in a canal, a greater percentage gets lost to evaporation or seepage.

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Powell taught me about war and optimism

By James Stavridis Bloomberg Opinion

In 2009, I was nominated to be the 16th supreme allied commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. While I had already served three years heading one of the military's 11 combatant commands U.S. Southern Command, focused on Latin America — this new job would be jumping into the deep end of the pool.

For starters, I would be the first Navy admiral to take the job — all my predecessors had been generals with deep experience in NATO. (My dream four-star job was thousands of miles away: commander of U.S. Pacific Command in Honolulu, a traditional posting for a Navy officer.) But Secretary of Defense Robert Gates wanted me in Europe, so off I went.

The other problem was that NATO was engaged in a brutal land war in Afghanistan, with nearly 150,000 troops hundreds of miles from the sea. I was worried about my ability to lead given the complexities of that coalition. When I relayed my doubts to both Gates and Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, they both said, "Go talk to Colin." I'd known Colin Powell, who died

Monday of complications from COVID-19, since I was a young commander and he was the Joint Chiefs chairman. Gen. Powell — to those of us in uniform, he will always be Gen. Powell, not Secretary of State Powell – had always been generous with his time and advice as I moved through more senior positions. This included when I was senior military assistant to Secretary of Defense Don Rumsfeld in the early 2000s, a job Powell had held in the 1980s under Secretary Caspar

As I knocked on the door of his home in the Washington suburbs, I hoped he could boil down for me the key elements of leading a large coalition in combat, dealing with the diplomatic elements of NATO and the other allies, and handling the personal pressure and challenges. We spent a couple of hours together, and at the end of it, I walked away reassured and thinking more optimistically than I had since I'd learned of the assignment.

Weinberger.

First, he said, you need to park your ego at the door. You'll be treated like royalty in the job: a stately Belgian chateau set on a couple of dozen acres; the biggest security detail in the armed forces (Belgian and U.S.); your personal set of Blackhawk

helicopters; the best Gulfstream jet; a chef and staff to run the diplomatic entertainment; and on and on.

"Remember who you are, Stavridis," he said. "You're not being sent over there to be the 21st-century version of Charlemagne." Humility, so much at the core of Colin Powell, the son of Jamaican immigrants and graduate of a City College of New York, was job one.

Next, keep running the traps. (Military-speak for staying on top of everything.) Powell was famous for this in every job he ever had, constantly picking up the phone to take the temperature of senior military colleagues, civilian peers in other agencies, the Washington media, foreign counterparts, friends. His network was endless, and he paid for information and intuitions with his own ideas and advice, creating a mosaic of each challenge, filling in the little colored stones until the picture emerged. A good NATO commander, he told me, is an intelligence officer who gathers the needed information a bit at a time.

Third, to keep a coalition together, you must put yourself in the other guy's shoes. He said to stop and think about the history, culture, language and, above all, the demands that your counterparts are facing - in Paris, London, Berlin and Rome, of course, but also in the smaller capitals of countries like Slovakia, Slovenia, Estonia and Belgium. And the same goes for Moscow – get there fast and talk to the Russians about their experiences in Afghanistan.

Finally, stay optimistic. If you look at Powell's "13 Rules for Success," which I cut out and kept under the glass on my desk in Belgium, four of the 13 pertain to optimism: It will look better in the morning (#1); It can be done! (#4); Don't take counsel of your fears or naysayers (#12); Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier

Then he signed a couple of copies of his remarkable memoir, "My American Journey," and sent me on my way. Four lessons in two hours: humility, connectivity, empathy and optimism. A pretty good prescription, and so often over the next four years, and the decade since, whenever I've faced a challenge, I think of Colin Powell. Godspeed and open water to you,

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James Bond has no time for China



Ross Douthat

The final James Bond outing for Daniel Craig, "No Time to Die," also marks a notable milestone for Bondian geopolitics: The franchise just completed a five-movie arc with a single lead actor, and amid all the globe-trotting and intrigue, you would barely know that China existed. Shanghai and Macao were brief backdrops, and one villain had been tortured, offstage and in the past, by Chinese security forces — but overall, a series released across the years of China's rise gave little hint that America's leading rival mattered any more than any other exotic Bondian locale.

In fairness, the Cold War-era Bond movies were not obsessed with Russia, serving up stateless supervillains rather than Soviet adversaries in many of his outings. But the reality of Russian power was part of the fabric of the series. The same actor showed up as the head of the KGB, for instance, in five Bond movies in the 1970s and '80s.

China's absence from Bondworld is part of a general absence in American cinema. Out of fear of losing the Chinese market and amid the aggressive use of commercial soft power by Beijing, in the almost quarter-century since Brad Pitt's "Seven Years in Tibet" and Richard Gere's "Red Corner," no major Hollywood release has portrayed the communist regime in a substantially negative light. Instead, China appears in our pop productions in soft focus, as in "The Martian" and "Arrival," or else takes a fantastical form, as in "Mulan" and "Shang-

Or just as often, as in the Craig movies, it barely appears at all. The Asian pop culture that has increasing influence on America is mostly Korean and Japanese, while China — despite all its power, despite our economic intertwinement, despite its crucial role in our political and now our public health debates — remains more a domain for experts, its internal life and culture more distant and opaque.

As a consequence, its relationship to American ideological debates is fluid,



In his swan song as James Bond, Daniel Craig stars in "No Time to Die." China has barely registered in Bond films starring Craig. NICOLA DOVE/MGM

fraught and strange. Things were simpler 15 years ago, when openness to China – a politics of commercial exchange, with the expectation of China's liberalization and occasional envy for its apparent technocratic competence — was the default establishment position, with economic critiques of what the "Chimerican" relationship meant for American workers and fears of Beijing's geopolitical ambitions concentrated on the farther left and right.

But as it became clear that the opening to China was not leading to political liberalization, and as its socioeconomic costs to the American heartland became clear as well, there was an ideological scrambling that hasn't ended yet.

On the left now, you see several impulses. There is an irrelevant but fascinating fringe of very online "tankies" - a reference to the communists who justified the USSR sending in the tanks to Hungary - actively championing the Beijing regime. There is a Bernie Sanders left that wants to critique the Chinese regime on trade and human rights but fears anything that seems like warmongering. And there is a left that thinks the existential stakes of climate change require deep cooperation

The center, meanwhile, has lost its optimism about China turning into a democ-

But it's not sure whether to pivot to confrontation and try to disentangle our economies, or whether globalization makes disentanglement impossible, and so we need, with whatever nose-holding, to deepen ties instead. (This divide runs through President Joe Biden's Cabinet.)

The right includes several tendencies as well. There's a Cold War 2.0 mentality, which fears China as a sweeping ideological threat, a fusion of old-model communism with 21st-century surveillance technology that promises to make totalitarianism great again. There's a realist perspective that regards China as a traditional great power rival and focuses on military containment. And there's a view that sees China and the United States as actually converging in decadence - with similar problems, from declining birthrates to social inequalities to internet-mediated unhappiness.

But for some on the right, that last view

comes with a wrinkle, where the Chinese state is almost admired for trying to act against this decadence — as in its attempt to wean young people off the "spiritual" opium" of video gaming - in a way that

liberal societies cannot. Behind these differences is a question: What is China? A Marxist-Leninist state with capitalist trimmings? An authoritarian meritocracy? A fascist state with Maoist characteristics? A new form of digitized totalitarianism? A neo-Confucian order, channeling ancient conservatism through one-party rule? A dark-mirror version of internet-age

Americans have never excelled at understanding other societies, and a few Chinese bad guys in James Bond movies won't shed the light we need. But Hollywood's supine attitude toward Chinese power is a window into a larger problem: We need to see our great 21st-century rival clearly, and too often we see only through a glass darkly, if at all.

Douthat is a columnist for The New York

Joe Manchin takes on his own constituents in West Virginia



Paul Krugman

President Joe Biden's policy agenda is hanging by a thread. And the reason can be summarized in two words: Joe Manchin. (Well, also Kyrsten Sinema, but does anyone know what's going on with her?)

Manchin, the Democratic senator from West Virginia – whose vote is essential given scorched-earth Republican opposition to anything Biden might propose is reportedly against the Clean Energy Payment Program, the core of Biden's attempt to take action on climate change, and wants to impose work requirements on the child tax credit, a key element in plans to invest in the nation's children.

You might be tempted to view this impasse as an indictment of the United States' wildly unrepresentative political system, which effectively allows the interests of a small state - West Virginia has substantially fewer residents than

the borough of Brooklyn — to dominate national concerns. But it's actually worse than that: Manchin appears ready to veto policies that would be in the interests of his own constituents.

Let's talk about what considerations should sway a politician serving the people of West Virginia.

West Virginia might seem less exposed than many other states to the effects of climate change. It's landlocked, so rising sea levels aren't a direct threat; it's relatively rainy, so it's not in immediate danger of sharing in the disastrous droughts afflicting the U.S. West.

But climate change is bringing more severe weather in general, including more heavy rain — and West Virginia turns out to be extremely vulnerable to flooding, in part because of the damage done by past coal

Still, doesn't West Virginia's economy depend on continued use of coal, whatever the environmental effects? The answer is that coal is far less important to the state than it used to be, and its significance is doomed to dwindle no matter what we do about climate change.

What about other fossil fuels? Thanks

to fracking, West Virginia has become a significant oil and gas producer. But this industry generates remarkably little income for West Virginia workers. In general, the returns to fracking in the Appalachian region seem to have gone overwhelmingly to outside investors.

In addition to blocking climate action, Manchin seems determined to cut back aid to children, in particular by imposing a work requirement for the child tax credit.

One way to think about that is it's an attempt to force adults into work by holding their children hostage. Also, adding conditions to aid creates hassles and complexity — and the children who need this aid the most come from precisely the families least able to navigate this complex-

ity.
What's really striking, however, is to hear these demands coming from a senator who's supposed to be representing West Virginia — a poor state with far more to gain from expanded aid to children.

Making child allowances contingent on parents finding work, while a bad idea in general, is especially bad for a state like West Virginia, where jobs are hard to find.

Adults in their prime working years are

substantially less likely to be employed in West Virginia than in the nation as a whole. Economic change has stranded substantial parts of the U.S. heartland, leading to a loss of job opportunities.

Growing regional economic disparities are a serious problem, with no easy solutions. But it's sheer cruelty to refuse to help children unless their parents take jobs that may not exist — and the cruelty is most intense in a troubled state like West

So what is Manchin thinking? Some people say we should just follow the money the large campaign contributions he gets from the fossil fuel industry, his personal financial stake in the coal industry.

But the most cynical takes on politicians' behavior aren't always right. I'd like to hope that Manchin is sincere — that he actually believes that he's protecting his state's interests.

The problem is that he seems to have a decades-out-of-date vision of what his state needs. And that distorted vision is now endangering America's future.

Krugman is a columnist for The New York Times.



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Beginning Wednesday, October 20, 2021, contract documents may be requested of the Office of the Deputy Director-Operations Public Works, Stanley E. Jablonski DPW Complex, 40 Moody Road, Enfield, CT 06082, telephone number (860) 763-8806 or downloaded from the Town's website, www.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will take place on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 11:00 A.M., at the Stowe Early Learning Center, 117 Post Office Road, Enfield, CT 06082. Bids submitted by parties who do not attend this mandatory conference will not be considered.

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Public notice is hereby given that the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) describing 46th Program Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded activities undertaken from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 is available for public review.

The report may be examined from October 20, 2021 through November 3, 2021 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the East Hartford Town Clerk's Office, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, the Grants Administration Office, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, and the Raymond Library, 840 Main Street, East Hartford (all locations are handicapped accessible). The report will be submitted to the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Hartford Area Field Office by November 16, 2021.

The Town of East Hartford will hold a public information meeting at which time citizens and community organizations are invited to review and comment on the completed 46th Year (2020-2021) CAPER.

In addition, the Town will be seeking to obtain the views of citizens and community organizations on housing and community ovelopment needs, including non-housing community development needs, in advance of the development of the Town's CDBG Action Plan for the 48th Program Year starting September 1, 2022.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. via teleconference and in person at the Town Hall Welling Conference Room (handicapped accessible) located at 740 Main Street, East Hartford on the second floor. The conference call number is 1 (929) 235-8441 and the access code is 225567332#. Citizens and organizations are invited to comment at this public hearing. Si necesita un interprete, llame a la Oficina de Grants al telefono (860) 291-7210 o por correo electronico grantsadmin@easthartfordct.gov tres dias de negocios antes de una audiencia publica.

For additional information regarding CDBG, call (860) 291-7306 (TTY/TDD users call Relay Connecticut 1-800-842-9710 or 7:1-1) or contact the Grants Administration Office, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30

Assistant Grants Administrator 10/20/2021 7066870

The Town of East Granby has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Community Based Fire and Emergency Services Strategic Plan and is accepting proposals from quali-fied consulting firms. The RFP will be found on www.eastgranbyct.org. Proposals are due by November 15, 2021. 10/20/2021 7066295

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A petition has been filed seeking:

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The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on: 12/3/21 at 12:00 pm at SCJM 25 School Street, Rockville, CT 06066

Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt, in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in the town/city of Hartford, CT

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS ORDER OF NOTICE

Notice to Unidentified person of parts

A petition/motion have been filed seeking termination of the above unidentified person's parental rights male in minor child born on 10/01/2021 in the city of Hartford,

The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on 11/4/21 at 2:00 PM at Hartford Superior Court, Juvenile Matter, 920 Broad Street, Hartford C Hartford, CT 06106

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Judge: Hon. Michael Dannehy Signed By: Clerk - Tara Artis Signed: 10/14/21

Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure that an attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public Defender. Request for an attorney should be made immediately in person, by mail, or by fax at the court office where your hearing is to be held.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES LATIMER LANE SCHOOL TOWN OF SIMSBURY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE (Equal Opportunity Employer)

The Simsbury Public Building Committee (PBC) is seeking to engage a construction management firm to provide construction management at risk services to renovate the existing LATIMER LANE SCHOOL. Proposals that the public produces of the Public Park Public Park should be addressed to Mr. Richard Ostop, Chairman, Public Building Committee, and

SIMSBURY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE c/o SIMSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 933 HOPMEADOW STREET SIMSBURY, CT 06070

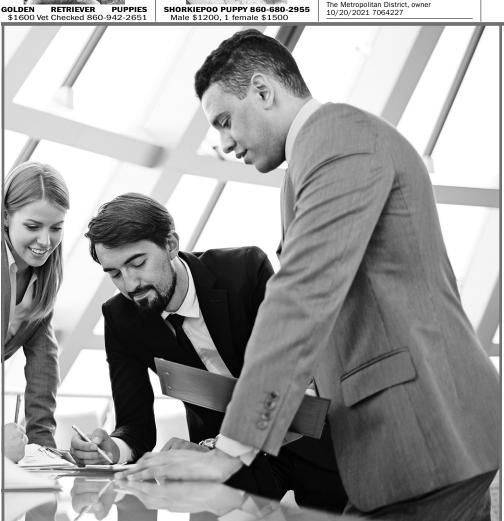
All proposals must be received by November 8, 2021.

There will be a mandatory walk through of the Facility on October 25, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m. Attendees must be members of the proposed management team.

Request for Proposal packages may be obtained from John J. Butkus, AIA, Senior Program Manager by emailing: john.butkus@arcadis.com

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OBITUARIES

Brosnan, Sonia (Hernandez)



Brosnan, Sonia (Hernandez), 68 of Manchester, beloved wife of Michael Brosnan, passed away on October 9, 2021 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease. Sonia was born in Puerto Rico on November 6, 1952 to Belen Medina and Nemencio Hernandez. In addition to her husband, Sonia is survived by her daughter Diana Pabon-Collar of East Hartford, sons

Luis Rivera of East Hartford and Raymond Rivera of New London. Additionally surviving Sonia are brothers Hector Hernandez of Hartford, Eddie Hernandez of Berlin and Eladio Hernandez of Puerto Rico plus sisters Zaida

Colon of Hartford, Isabel Hernandez of Bloomfield and Carmen Lydia Thomas of Brockton, Massachusetts. Additionally, Sonia is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Burial was held on October 14, 2021 at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield.

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Butryman, Louise M



Louise M. (Buckenski) Butryman, 91, of East Hartford, beloved wife of the late John J. Butryman died peacefully on Monday, October 18, 2021, at Riverside in F Louise was born in Hartford, CT, on August 13, 1930, daughter to the late Edward and Alice (Smith) Buckenski She graduated from Hall High

Manufacturing, where she met her husband, John. Louise worked many years at The Hartford. In her retirement, she enjoyed being a crossing guard for East Hartford Public Schools. Louise and John lived in East Hartford for over 40 years. She was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Church in South Windsor and a member of the Luna Social Club. She enjoyed traveling to Florida, the western U.S., and Europe. A kind, caring, loving and devoted mother, sister, grandmother, and friend, she will be dearly missed. She leaves her son, John A. Butryman and his wife Julie of South Windsor; her grandsons, Andrew Butryman and Robert Butryman both of South Windsor; and her brother, James Smith of Jacksonville, FL. Her family will receive friends on Thursday, October 21, 2021, from 8:30-10:30 a.m., at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor. A graveside service will follow at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield at 11 a.m. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneral-

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Carr, Muriel (Sampeck)

Muriel (Sampeck) Carr, 82, of Barkhamsted, beloved wife of Lester R. Carr, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 18, 2021 at St. Francis Hospital. Born in Hartford on August 23, 1939, the daughter of the late Leon and Muriel (Wallace) Sampeck. Muriel was raised in Windsor and attended Windsor High School

Muriel and Lester were married on September 8, 1956, their 65 years together were spent primarily in Barkhamsted, taking care of their family, especially their children and grandsons. Muriel loved flowers and enjoyed looking at their beauty. She and her husband were longtime members of the Barkhamsted Senior Center. However, her greatest joy was spending time with her family and grandsons. Muriel is survived by her husband of 65 years, Lester R. Carr of Barkhamsted her daughters: Wendy C. Berg and her husband James of Riverton, Lisa C. Cross and her husband Gregory of Canton; her grandsons: Brian M. Berg and his wife Lydia of West Hartland and Noah C. Cross and his wife Aneesa of Wolcott. She was predeceased by her sister Beverly Hayes and her parents. Muriel's family will receive friends on Thursday, October 21, 2021 from 4-6PM at Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Road, Avon, CT 06001. A graveside service will be held on Friday, October 22, 2021 at 10AM at Riverside Cemetery, River Road, Barkhamsted, CT 06063. In lieu of flowers, donations in Muriel's memory may be made to The Arbor Day Foundation, 211 N. 12th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. For condolences or directions please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Cotto, Evelyn S.(Bighinatti)



Evelyn Sperandia (Bighinatti) Cotto, 90, of Berlin passed away surrounded by her loving family on 10/11/2021 in The Villages, FL. Evelyn was born on 10/02/1931 in New Britain to the late Charles and Mary (Pedemonti) Bighinatti. She graduated from New Britain High School Class of 1949. Evelyn went on to marry Frank

Cotto on 10/09/1954. She worked as a secretary at Prentice and New Britain Machine. Evelyn was a member of Saint Paul Church, in Kensington.

in Kensington.
Evelyn enjoyed playing setback at the Berlin Senior Center as well as spending time with her special friend Dick Bober, traveling and summers at the beach with him. Above all, she loved spending time with her family. Evelyn is survived by her 2 sons; Raymond and his wife Amy of The Villages, FL and Gary and his wife Lynn of Middletown; her 3 grandchildren, Daniel Cotto and his wife Kayleigh, Sarah Cotto and Nicholas Arcari and Kyle Cotto: one great granddaughter, Natalia Cotto: three

wife Kayleigh, Sarah Cotto and Nicholas Arcari and Kyle Cotto; one great granddaughter, Natalie Cotto; three nieces, one nephew and several cousins. Besides her parents, Evelyn was predeceased by her loving husband, Frank Cotto, a special friend, Richard Bober and her sister Lillian Bighinatti Cistare. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, October 25 at 10:00 am at St. Paul Church, 461 Alling St., Kensington. Evelyn will be laid to rest beside her husband Frank at Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill following the Mass. Visitation will be held at Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home of Berlin/Porters, 111 Chamberlain Hwy., Berlin from 8:30 am to 9:30 am on Monday. Please share a memory of Evelyn with the Monday. Please share a memory of Evelyn with the family in the online guestbook @ www.ericksonhansenberlin.com

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Culver, Frances J.



1937-2021 - Frances Jeanette (Gervais) Culver, a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, a proud member of her French Canadian Catholic family passed away unexpectedly on October 17, 2021. Frances (Frannie) was New Connecticut on November 8, 1937, the tenth of ten children, the youngest, as she

loved to frequently remind everyone. Growing up on Maple Street, she was a bit of a tom-boy, loved to play basketball and took great pleasure in being the first to take off down the street on the bicycle that she was supposed to share with her sister, Claudette. She graduated from New Britain High School in 1955 and soon thereafter met and married her beloved husband of 64 years, Paul Stanton Culver of Berlin, CT. She and Paul resided in Berlin where they raised their two daughters, Robin and Tammie. Both loved traveling in their RV and were able to see most of the country alongside their lifelong friends, Charles and Ethel Blake, also of Berlin. She worked as a secretary for National Automatic Products, Berlin, CT until 1989. Frannie was famous for the most beautiful and delicious Christmas cookies that the whole family, nieces and nephews alike, looked forward to every holiday season. She also was an expert baker and talented knitter of gorgeous sweaters and afghans that she custom made for friends and family. Frances is survived by her husband Paul, her daughter Robin (Culver) Olschan and husband Brian of Madison, CT, daughter Tammie (Culver) Daoud and husband Sargon of West Simsbury, CT. She is also survived by her four grand-children, Gregory Olschan and his wife Theresa of Wethersfield, CT, Ethan Olschan of Madison, CT, Sydney and Lauren Daoud of West Simsbury, CT. She also leaves behind her sister Helen Evans of Farmington, CT and Kathleen Sales of East Berlin, CT and many adoring nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sisters Anita Murray, Joyce Stanton, Claudette Faucher and brothers Norman, Ralph, Benjamin and Donald Gervais. The family will receive friends and family at Berlin Memorial Funeral Home, 96 Main St., Berlin, CT 06037, from 9:00 am-11:00 am Friday October 22. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Pauls Church, 461 Alling St., Berlin, CT at 11:30 am. Burial will follow in Maple Cemetery, 1165 Worthington Ridge Road, Berlin, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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Dewey, Betty



Betty Lois (Weber) Dewey, 95, passed away on October 11, 2021 at Water's Edge Center for Health and Rehabilitation in Middletown, CT.

Betty was born on July 16, 1926 in Divernon, Illinois to Clarence A. and Mary (Beaty) Weber. After graduating from Galva (IL) High School in 1944, she attended Beloit College

before transferring to the University of Connecticut.
As Betty would often explain, her family had moved to Connecticut, and it was too difficult traveling to the East Coast to visit because of the necessity of "troop trains" during World War II, so she too moved east. At UConn, she particularly enjoyed attending math classes with veterans, as she was one of the few women math majors. After graduating from UConn in 1948, she was employed by Pratt and Whitney Division of the United Aircraft Corporation as an engineering aide in their research department. She often spoke of working in the "wind tunnels." She was our family's very own "Rosie the Riveter!" Betty also earned a Masters Degree in Education from UConn in 1953.

Betty was widely known for her love of baseball. As a child she relished taking the train to Chicago to watch her beloved Cubs play at Wrigley Field in lieu of listening to games on the radio in the 1930s. She later became a huge Yankee fan.

In November 1950, Betty married her high school sweetheart Charles A ("Al") Dewey and they settled in Stamford, CT. They also lived in Springfield, NJ, Midlothian, VA, and Martinsburg, WV, before returning to Connecticut in 2000. Betty had a very successful career as a middle-school math teacher in both New Jersey and Virginia.

Betty was predeceased by her parents, her husband in 2004, and her sister Jane Ruck in 2009. She is survived by four children, Betsy Dewey (Robert Mattia) of Hampton Twp., NJ, James Dewey of Middletown, CT, Mary Dewey (Jean Pierre Barski) of Richmond, VT, and Andrew Dewey (Carol) of Cromwell, CT; eight grandchildren, Tim, Lisa, and Daniel Dewey-Mattia, Masha Dewey-Barski, and Peter, David, Erica, and Monica Dewey. She also has four great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held privately. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit

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Forstrom, Sr., Donald A. Donald A. Forstrom, Sr. 91, of

Sarasota, Florida passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 10, 2021. Don was born in Bridgeport,

Connecticut, April 14, 1930, the son of Gertrude (Anderson) Forstrom and Edward E. Forstrom. He grew up in Stratford, Connecticut together with his parents and older brother Edward and older sister Marion (Hallstrom). Don graduated

from Stratford High School with the Class of 1948 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1952. After marrying his beloved wife Pat in 1953, they settled in Manchester, Connecticut and raised their family while Don was having a very successful career with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft.

During his lifetime, Don enjoyed a variety of interests

and hobbies including all sports (especially golf, tennis, basketball and hockey), woodcarving, macrame, slot basketball and hockey), woodcarving, macrame, slot car racing, travel, computers, engine repair, fishing, playing the guitar, jogging, skiing (water and snow), dining on rare roast beef, brewing root beer and preparing raw pickled herring for the holidays, and sipping a dry vodka martini with a twist. Don was proud of his Swedish heritage, he cherished his close-knit family, and he was dearly loved by his family and many friends. Don is survived by his wife of 68 years, Patricia S. Forstrom and his children Sarah F. Mahnke (George), Donald A. Forstrom, Jr. (Rebecca), Jonathan S. Forstrom (Kimberly), grandchildren (Harrison Forstrom, Alexandra Forstrom, Christopher Forstrom, Carolyn Alexandra Forstrom, Christopher Forstrom, Carolyn Forstrom, Christian Mahnke, Allyson Mahnke and Georgia Mahnke), a niece (Judy F. Imler) and nephew

(David Forstrom).
Interment will take place at a later date at the Bridge Street Cemetery in Suffield, Connecticut. Contributions to Don's memory may be made to the charity of one's choice

Finally, Don's family would like to thank the staff of the Glenridge in Sarasota, Florida (especially the Blue Hall and the Carroll Center dining staffs) for the ongoing love and care they provided our husband and father during his final years.

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Goldstein, Victor R.



Victor R. Goldstein, 74, of South Windsor, beloved father, grandfather, and husband, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, October 8, 2021, after a long battle with cancer, with his devoted and loving wife, Deborah Murphy, by his side.

Victor was born in New York, NY, son of the late Jack

Goldstein and Antoinette (Saraco) Goldstein and graduated from Fort Hamilton High School in Brooklyn, NY. He married his high school sweetheart, Kathleen Barone Goldstein in 1967, and they had two children, Richard and Jennifer. Victor owned and operated a paper recycling center, Cassone Paper Stock, in South Windsor for over 30 years.

Victor was a dedicated father, grandfather, and husband who always put family first. He often had a tough exterior, but indeed had a BIG BIG heart. He enjoyed family gatherings and cooking, but most notably, boating, fishing, and time out on the water. May he now rest in peace upon the heavenly seas. He will be greatly missed every day and will forever live in the hearts of those who loved him.

In addition to his wife, Debbie, he is survived by his two children, Richard Goldstein and his wife Mercedes of Manchester, and Jennifer Goldstein of Avon; his granddaughter, Nicole Goldstein of Manchester; his canine companion, Daisy; other relatives and dear friends. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his two brothers, Daniel and Robert Goldstein; and his former

wife, Kathleen Goldstein. family will receive friends on Saturday, October 23, 2-4 p.m., at Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor. Interment will be private. To leave a condolence for his family, please visit www. carmonfuneralhome

"If there is any immortality to be had among us human beings, it is certainly only in the love that we leave behind. Fathers like mine don't ever die." - Leo Buscaglia



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Grover, William H.



William H. Grover, 83, passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 19, 2021. Bill will be remembered by his family and friends for his down-to-earth charm, humility, wry sense of humor, creativity and intellect. He is survived by his loving wife, two daughters, son-in law, and two stepbrothers and their families, as well as his dear friends,

and two devoted caregivers. Growing up in Ithaca, NY, Bill wanted to be "an inventor" when he grew up. A lifelong confluence of science and art ensued, from engineering and industrial design in his studies and early career, to a well-respected reputation in architecture over the following decades. A fellow of the American Institute of Architecture, his alma maters include Cornell University, Art Center College of Design, and Yale Architecture School. He was a founding and central member of what is today Centerbrook Architects. Among other projects, Bill worked on numerous Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory buildings for over 30 years, as well as several projects for Phillips Exeter Academy.

Bill loved watercolor painting, twice restored a 1949 MG-TC (once as a teenager and then again in retirement), and he also loved music, playing coronet in the Moving Target Jazz Band and the Corinthian Jazz Band. He also enjoyed small-boat racing sailing at Pettipaug Yacht Club, the Frostbite Yacht Club, and the Essex Yacht Club. He enthusiastically served a term as President of the Essex Land Trust.

Bill will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Those wishing to pay their respects to him may do so at Robinson, Wright & Weymer in Centerbrook, CT, at a visitation on Thurs. Oct 21 between 6 and 8pm. A Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held in the summer of 2022. Memorial contributions in Bill's name may be made to the Essex Land Trust, the Essex Art

Association, or a charity of the donor's choice.
To share a memory of Bill or send a condolence to his family please visit www.rwwfh.com

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Kendall, Karen A.



Karen Alison Kendall, 68, beloved wife of John Kendall, peacefully passed away at her home on October 18, 2021 after a long courageous battle with ALS. She was born in Milford on September 22, to Barbara Boardman of Cheshire and the late Richard Boardman. After growing up in Milford Karen graduated from Central

CT University. Before retirement she was Bursar Manager for PEG Education Group. A voracious reader, she also enjoyed to cook, travel, and spend time with her family. Her biggest loves though, were her grand-sons.Time spent with them was invaluable.

Besides her husband of 45 years, Karen will be lovingly remembered by her daughter and son-in-law, Beth and John Melillo of Cheshire; her grandsons, Jason and Ryan Melillo; and her sister, Janet Boardman of Waterbury. Friends are invited to visit with Karen's family on Friday, October 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at BEECHER & BENNETT FUNERAL HOME, 2300 Whitney Ave., Hamden. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to ALS Association-CT Chapter at www.alsact.org. To send a condolence to her family, please go to www.beecherandbennett.com.

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Kowaleski, Russell



Russell Kowaleski, 68, of New Britain, CT passed away suddenly at home on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, survived by his loving wife Deborah of 42 years and daughter Sarah of Portland, OR. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial to be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 11am, at St. Joseph's Church, 195 South Main St. Private burial will be held at

New Britain, CT 06051. the discretion of the family. The Luddy-Peterson Funeral Home, 205 South Main St New Britain, CT 06051 are assisting the family. Please refer to https://www. Luddyandpetersonfh.com for additional information and to leave an online expression of sympathy.

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LaPorte, Michael J.



Michael J.LaPorte, 59, loving father and husband left this world suddenly on Sunday October 17, 2021.

Michael grew up in Southington CT, and was a graduate of Southington High School class of 1980. He received his bachelor of business administration degree Eastern Connecticut from

State University in 1984.
He was the soccer team captain in high school and a member of the soccer team in college. He pursued a career as a sales account manager of Ashland Chemical Company and Quest Diagnostics for several years. Michael found his passion as a construction sales manager at CWPM, LLC for over ten years. He grew numerous personal and business relationships through his work. He recently became a member of the USA Hauling and Recycling family as a part of the contractor sales team where he continued to grow his territory

Michael (The Mick) spent many years coaching and umpiring in the Farmington Youth Baseball League as well as Farmington Youth Soccer League. He spent countless hours fundraising and participating in the booster clubs of his children's high school sports. His infectious smile, laugh, encouragement, and kindness will be missed by all of the youth and adults he has encountered throughout his life. ιισhnut his

He leaves behind his loving wife Lisa Marie of 35 years and his four adoring children. Alyssa LaPorte and her husband Joshua Liskiewicz of Hamden, CT. Chelsea LaPorte (Devin Andrews) of Portland, CT. Brenden LaPorte (Olivia Norton) of Farmington, CT. His children was the light of his life and number one priority inwere the light of his life and number one priority including his "bonus" son Carson Helms of Philadelphia, PA. Michael will also be missed by his fur babies: Parker, Brady, Izzy, Gunner, and Oaklee who will miss his undying love, play time and all of his leftover plates. He was also survived by his parents Joseph and Dolores LaPorte, mother-in-law Carol D'Agostino, and brotherin-law James Palumbo all of Southington, CT.

He was predeceased by his father-in-law Arthur P. D'Agostino and sister-in-law Tina L. Fresa. He leaves behind several Aunts, Uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews as well as countless friends and customers that he considered family. Michael had a great love for the sun, ocean and sand. He visited numerous Caribbean islands over the years with his wife and children, The Cayman Islands being his absolute favorite. He enjoyed many sports games, food, and conversations with his buddies at Ray's Cigar Shop in Berlin, CT. Michael was an avid grill master at many sporting, family and professional events. He always had a story to tell or conversation to have with anyone who crossed his path and people always left with a smile after meeting him. He will be in our hearts forever and his spirit will never leave us for the rest of our lives.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 10 a.m. at St. Dominic Church, 1050 Flanders Rd., Southington. Calling hours will be Friday from 3-7 p.m. at the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St., Southington. For online condolences and directions please visit, www.dellavecchiasouthing

Memorial donations may be made to: Plainville Arc. P.O Box 15, 28 East Maple St, Plainville, CT 06062, where Michael played Santa to individuals with developmental disabilities for many years.

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Latina, Thomas J

HARTFORD, CT - Thomas J. Latina of Hartford, CT passed away on August 12, 2021 after a brief illness. Born in Torrington on August 11, 1945, Tom was the son of the late Sebastian (Bob) and Rose (Franculli) Latina and lived in Hartford for many years. He was predeceased by his sister Carol O'Heron. Tom was a Veteran of the U.S. Navy, Serving on the USS Sylvania until being honorably discharged in 1969. A graveside ceremony will be held on Friday Oct. 22, at 10:00 a.m. at the Middletown State Veterans Cemetery, 317 Bow Lane, Middletown CT.

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Leonard, Marcella "Nonnie" (Tobias)



Marcella "Nonnie" (Tobias) Leonard, 92, of Portland, wife to the late James "Poppie" Leonard for 67 years, died Friday October 8, 2021, peacefully in her home. She was born in Hazelton, PA, the daughter of the late Steve A. and Blanche (Golab) Tobias. Marcella was one of a family that consisted of nine daughters and eight sons. She is

survived by her daughter, Barbara D'Addio of Middletown; sons, Fred Leonard (Lynne) of Florida. James Leonard (Joann) of Portland, eight grandchildren, Jennifer, Philip, Breanne, Steven, Timothy, Chris, Joseph, Shelby, and four great grandchildren, Taylor, Olivia, Brynn and Mason; also many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son-in-law, Rick D'Addio. Nonnie was happiest when spending time with her family. She was at her best in the kitchen, often known for her elaborate spreads for holidays, picnics and any other excuse to get-together. She was a doting wife to Poppie, a loving and supportive mother to her children, and a special "Nonnie" to everyone who knew her. We are saddened by her passing, but grateful she is finally reunited with Poppie. Funeral services will be held Sunday (Oct. 24th) at 3 p.m. at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown. Friends may visit with her family on Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. prior to the service. Burial at the State Veterans' Cemetery, Middletown, will be at the convenience of her family. Those who wish may send memorial contributions to a charity of their choice. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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March, Pepe (Previti)



Pepe (Josephine) March, 85, of Glastonbury, beloved wife of David March passed away Monday October 18th at Hartford Hospital with her family by her side. She was the daughter of the late John Previti and Angelina (Previti)

Tamiso. Pepe enjoyed cooking (her famous Sauce & Meatballs), going to the casino and spending time with her family. She is survived by her loving husband Dave March, her sons David (Mary) March, Fred (Tricia) March, Stewart (Rose) March & John March. Her sister Mary Cosgro and her brothers John, Jim & Victor Previti. 2 granddaughter & 4 Grandsons and 8 great grandchildren. The family will be having a Celebration of Life on Saturday October 23 at 1pm at 341 Oakwood Dr. Glastonbury Ct.

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Morrison, Susan



Susan Schuft Morrison, 74, of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, died peacefully October 17, 2021 after a battle with brain cancer.

Susan was born in Boston, MA to Howard and Elizabeth Schuft on March 1947. She graduated from Newton South High School and received a degree in English from the University of Massachusetts. She married Gordon Morrison on

November 5th, 1977.

She worked as an executive assistant for over 40 years, most recently for Lincoln Financial Group in Windsor Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family, especially her two grandchildren Charlotte and Henry. She would prepare crafts, toys, and activities between each visit, living for the smiles it would bring to their faces. Susan appreciated the fine things in life. Give her an elegant restaurant with white linens, French food and perhaps a sidecar cocktail and she couldn't be happier.

She is survived by her adoring husband Gordon hawn ison, her son grandchildren Charlotte and Henry Morrison. She also leaves behind five younger siblings: Christopher (Meredith) Schuft, Timothy Schuft, Charles (Lorraine) Schuft, Kathleen Schuft, and Carole Schuft. Susan was

also a loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. Calling hours will take place Friday, October 22nd from 5-7 PM at Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St. Rocky Hill, CT. A funeral service will be held Saturday October 23rd at 11 AM at the same location. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories, or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com.

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Myers, Clarence A.



Clarence A. Myers, 90, of Bristol, passed away Sunday, October 17, 2021 at St. Mary's Hospital. He was the husband of the late Barbara (Thomas) Myers.

He was born on September 12, 1931 in Bristol the son of the late Alert and Ruby (Roy) Myers.

He served his country in the Korean War in the US Navy. He worked for several years for Cigna Corporation

retiring 27 years ago. He loved karaoke and was a former member Pequabuck

Golf Club. He is survived by 2 sons, Joseph Clower and Cal Myers both from Bristol and 2 daughters, Teresa Walsh of Terryville and Corinne Mullen. A sister, Rhea Coleman of Hamden. 6 Grandchildren, Vito Flammia, Amber Flammia, Brett Myers, Carey Myers, Joseph Clower, and Michele Bukowski. 4 Great Grandchildren, Dominic, Carlo, Kaitlynn and Colin. Several nieces and nephews. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours.

Dunn Funeral Home 191 West St. Bristol is in charge of the arrangements. WWW.Dunnfh.com

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Reid, Clinton A.



Clinton Augustus Reid affectionally known as "The Original Pattieman", 88, passed on Monday, October 11, 2021. Clinton was born on February 28, 1933 in Trelawny, JA to Friendship the late Percival and Ina Reid A celebration of life for

Clinton will take place on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 11:00am with a visitation

from 10:00am - 11:00am at Henry L. Fugua Funeral Service (A Division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services), 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Interment will be held at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002. To leave a message of comfort for the Reid family, view the full obituary and livestreaming of services, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com

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Roper, Levi E.



Levi Emmanuel Roper, 89, of Hartford, CT departed this life to be with the Lord on Friday, October 8, 2021. Levi was born on April 19, 1932 in Portland, Jamaica to the late Wilfred Roper and Earthelia (Benjamin) Roper. He leaves to cherish his memory and carry on his legacy his beloved wife, Ruby (Salmon) Roper; children, (Roper) Dianne Bascom

(Andre), Claudia Roper Barrett, Margot Emery-Barfoot (Simon), Ayanna Kokayi (Seitu), Judith Fagan, Martin Roper (Linda), Owen Roper, Audley Roper, and Randolph Morgan (Christine); as well as a host of relatives and

A celebration of his life will be held on Friday, October 22, 2021 at 12:00PM; with visitation from 10:00AM-11:15AM and Masonic Services from 11:15AM-11:45AM AT Henry L. Fugua Funeral Service (a division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services) 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002To leave a message of comfort for the Roper family and view the full obituary, please visit www. hkhfuneralservices.com

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Sirick, Lester



Lester Sirick, 93, of Newington, Connecticut, passed away on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at his home after a long battle with cancer. Born on March 29, 1928, to Joseph and Anna Sirick in New Britain, Connecticut, he had two older sisters, Mary DePinto and Katherine Sandquist both of New Britain, and one younger John Sirick brother, Newington. Lester worked at

Dougherty Drug Store during his high school

years and was often seen driving his boss red convertible around town. He graduated from New Britain High School in 1945 and joined the U.S. Army in September 1946. After basic training, he was assigned as a dental assistant and joined the occupying forces in Japan. He was honorably discharged in January 1948 and returned home. Lester courted Kathleen Garlick and married her on September 1, 1952. They were married for fifty-three years, and had two daughters: Sharon in 1956, and Susan in 1958. Lester returned to work for Dougherty Drug Store for many years, eventually retiring from the State of Connecticut in the Department of Transportation in 2003. He also worked as an usher at the Bushnell Theater. Lester and Kathleen enjoyed travelling, honeymooning in Hawaii and spending many blissful weekends at Cape Cod. Lester was also very active in his community, serving as an usher at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Newington. He could also be found at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in New Britain, helping with the making of raisin bread and pierogies. He also volun-teered at the Newington Friends of Football and could often be found at his local pizza shop, Elm Hill Pizza, folding pizza boxes, and delivering food. His gregarious personality won him many friends and he could be counted on for sage financial advice whenever asked. Lester is survived by his daughters; Sharon (Sirick) Leonard and her husband Kevin, and Susan (Sirick) Longchamps and her husband Stephen; his grandchildren, Mark Leonard of Newington, Victoria (Leonard) Pica, and her husband Zoilo of Rocky Hill, Kyle Longchamps and his wife McKenzie of Panama City, FL, and Allyson (Longchamps) Brennan and her husband Matthew of Westborough, Massachusetts, his great-grandchildren Elias and Hannah Pica of Rocky Hill, with a third Pica great-grandchild on the way. He is also survived by brother John Sirick and his wife Cynthia of Newington, as well as many other cousins and relatives. Lester was predeceased by his beloved wife Kathleen in 2008, and his sisters Mary and Katherine. Friends and relatives are invited to call on Thursday,

October 21 from 3:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. at Newington Memorial Funeral Home, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at the Annunciation Parish at Holy Spirit Church, 183 Church St., Newington, on Friday, October 22 at 10:00 am., with burial to follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center at Hartford Hospital, Hartford Hospital Department of Philanthropy, 80 Seymour St. P.O. 5037, Hartford, CT 06102. Lester's family wishes to thank his doctor, Dr. Elias of Hartford Hospital for his wonderful care during his illness, and his nurse, Barbara Hall, of Hartford Healthcare Independence at Home who helped care for him in his final days. Lester always said that the most important thing in life was family, and he would no doubt remind you to cherish your own.



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Street, William "Bill" A



William "Bill" Alva Street (81) passed away peacefully at Lawnwood Medical Center Ft. Pierce FL with his family by his side on October 12, 2021. He was born to William and Blanche Street in Hartford CT on November 23, 1939. He grew up in East Hartford CT and moved his family to Ellington CT in 1970 where he

chickens and spending time reading by the wood stove in his "dog house". Bill was a former member of the Somer's Spots tands a Association and a true outdoorsman. He also loved playing horseshoe and hosting many family cookouts. In his later years he enjoyed country line dancing and spending time at his local Elk's Club. In his youth he spent time water skiing and ice skating on the CT river and riding his Harley. He spent summers on Lake Quassapaug. He visited his grandparents and later his parents in their retirement in Ft. Pierce. After a successful career as a Sheet Metalist at Electric Boat and Pratt & Whitney, Bill retired to Ft. Pierce in 2002. He was a member of a fishing club and spent many hours on Lake Okeechobee. He loved kayaking on the river and going on camping excursions to Key West. He also enjoyed card games with family by the pool. Bill is predeceased by his parents and sister, Barbara. He is survived by his 2 children, a daughter, Denise Marti, and her husband Mark of Tolland CT. A son, Edward Street and his wife Scarlet of Blounts Creek NC. His 8 grandchildren. Justin. Rvan and Blounts Creek NC. His 8 grandchildren, Justin, Ryan and Tiffany Street of CT and Jasmine Street of NC, Jaimie, Jordan and Shelby Kimball and Carlee Marti of CT. And 4 great grand children, Emma Street, Elena and Johnathon Semerzakis and Eloise Hansen of CT. Also his ex-wife Nancy Queen of DE. Bill was loved and will be missed by many. Services were private and held at

Treasure Coast Chapel, Stuart FL. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

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Stanziale, Annabelle J. "Ann" (Eckhart)



Annabelle J. "Ann" (Eckhart) Stanziale, 89, of Bloomfield, beloved wife to the late Professor William G. Stanziale, Sr., passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 14, 2021. Ann was born May 19, 1932, in West Pittston, PA, only surviving child to Richard and Dorothy (Moyer) Eckhart. Her only sibling, younger brother, Richard C. Eckhart, passed

away short after childbirth.

Ann resided in Pennsylvania and Maryland before moving to Connecticut where she resided in East Hartford before finally settling in Bloomfield in 1965. Once settled in Bloomfield, Ann was very involved within her community. Ann worked for Copaco in Bloomfield for over 10 years before her retirement. She was a member of the Bloomfield Senior Citizen's Club, the Bloomfield Civitan's Club as well as a member of the West Hartford Children's Museum. Ann also volunteered her time with the Connecticut Historical Society. Ann was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Bloomfield and was also a member of their Lazarus Committee.

Ann is survived by her two sons William Stanziale and his wife Myra of Lancaster, SC, and Richard Stanziale and his wife Maria of Granby; her daughter-in-law Penny Stanziale of Glastonbury; eight grandchildren Jennifer, Robert, Tristan, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Richie, Alex and Mary Elizabeth; several great-grandchildren as well as her dear friends Jesse Bourbeau, Perc and Robert Morris, Sherry Levine and Elaine McKay. In addition to her husband, parents and newborn brother; Ann was predeceased by her son, Thomas Stanziale and her granddaughter Katie, and beloved friends Minnie and Nick DeVita, Leo and Ruth Silberman, Elaine and Raymond Levine and Father Richard Mitchell.

Ann was known for many things including being a brave and noble caregiver to friends and family, her fabulous holiday dinners and delicious desserts, developing a communication system with her friends capable of spreading local news faster than the internet and hosting a bi-annual dinner for the neighborhood softball team

team.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Friday, October 22, 2021, at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield with a time to gather at the church beginning at 12:30 p.m. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery, Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield, CT 06002 or to the ALS Association CT Chapter, 4 Oxford Rd., Milford, CT 06460. To leave an online message of condolence for her family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome. com.



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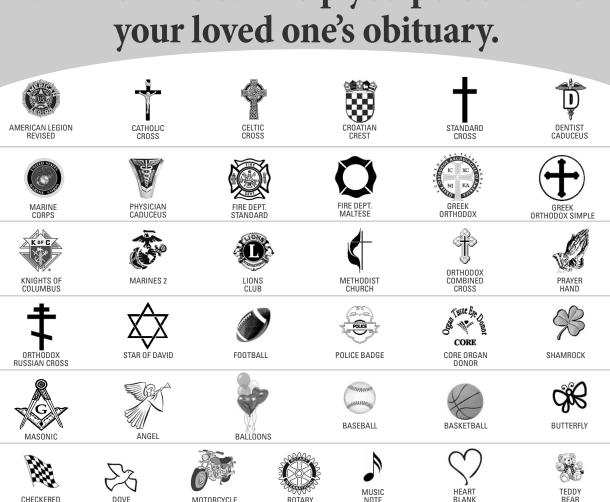
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Middletown schools chief on leave

Spokeswoman cites medical advice as board works to address complaints of harassment, intimidation

By Daniela Altimari Hartford Courant

MIDDLETOWN — The board of education on Monday approved Superintendent Michael Conner's request for a leave of absence and authorized chairwoman Deborah Cain to address allegations of a hostile work environment raised by past and present employees of the school district.

A spokeswoman for Connor said he was taking time under the Family and Medical Leave Act on the advice of his physicians.

Alberto Vázquez Matos, the

district's chief academic officer, will serve as acting superintendent. Cain would not say if Connor will continue to be paid during his leave

The vote, held during a special meeting of the board, came after less than an hour of discussion behind closed doors.

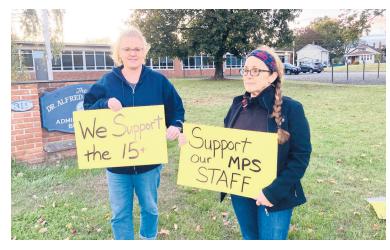
Allegations of harassment and retaliation within the school district have swirled for months. On Thursday, they became public when union representatives brought the complaints to the common council.

"Our members no longer feel

safe expressing these concerns through channels provided by the Board of Education and City of Middletown," said Ann Gregg, president of the local managers union. She read a letter signed by the leaders of UPSEU Local 6457, AFSCME Local 466, the Middletown teachers and paraeducators unions.

At Monday's school board meeting, more than a dozen people stood on the sidewalk outside of the board of education building. They held signs and broke into a sporadic chant of "We support the 15," a reference to the number of people who have anonymously made allegations against Connor

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Middletown residents hold signs supporting staff members who have come forward with allegations of harassment and retaliation outside the board of education building on Monday. **DANIELA ALTIMARI/HARTFORD COURANT**

Online sports betting kicks off

First wagers placed on National League Championship Series

By Stephen Singer Hartford Courant

Online gambling in Connecticut began at 6 a.m. Tuesday, kicking off expanded wagering that was years in the making in extended negotiations between the state and two Native American-owned assinos

can-owned casinos.
FanDuel, the partner of Mohegan Sun casino, and DraftKings, which is working with Foxwoods Resort Casino, said the first bets were on the third game Tuesday of the National League Championship Series between the Atlanta Braves and Los Angeles

Dodgers.

The state Department of Consumer Protection authorized the early-morning launch of online sports wagering and iCasino on phone apps, laptops, tablets and other devices following a one-week limited trial.

The Connecticut Lottery Corp., Mohegan Tribe and Mashantucket Pequot Tribe began offering online wagering to adults 21 and older through FanDuel and DraftKings. The Lottery has partnered with Rush Street Interactive.

The two tribes also may offer iCasino. The Department of Consumer Protection has approved more than 130 games.

Connecticut joins six other states to offer online gambling: Delaware, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Rodney Butler, chairman of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, which operates Foxwoods Resort Casino, said at an online news conference that digital gambling in New Jersey and Pennsylvania has expanded the gambling market and has not depressed business at the casinos.

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Kayle "Rooster" Knight has been memorializing fallen police officers on his 2010 Scion XB. Knight said he started the tribute three years ago as a response to the "war on cops." MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

Mobile memorial

Simsbury man's car pays tribute to fallen police officers, canines

By Jesse Leavenworth Hartford Courant

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SIMSBURY — ayle "Rooster" Knight said he didn't choose an iconic American cop car for his moving memorial to fallen police officers because he's not a cop and doesn't le.

But the Simsbury man said he admires men and women in law enforcement and resolved to showcase his respect when "the war on cops" escalated. For the past three years, Knight has inscribed his 2010 Scion xB with the names of police officers and canines who died in the line of duty, in accidents and from illness, particularly COVID-19.

The decaled names of those who died through the end of September fill much



Knight, 50, was diagnosed with ALS when he was 18 and told he had three years to live. He says traveling to car shows each year is how he chooses to enjoy the time he has left.

of the small car's body. Connecticut cops' names are on the hood, including state Trooper Brian Mohl, who died in recent flooding, and New Haven police Officer Joshua Castellano, who was killed in a car crash in Las Vegas last month.

The black and white replica of a Japanese police car is Knight's daily transportation and he also takes it to car shows. At the close of the past two years, he has taken photos of the fully decaled car, posted the pictures on Facebook and then scraped off those names and started with a fresh slate on Jan. 1.

Knight gets names from the Officer Down Memorial Page (odmp.org), run by a nonprofit organization. With a license plate that reads, "FALLEN," the Scion now bears the names of 347 officers, troopers and other law enforcement agents,

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A beer just for UConn fans

Husky Hops, crafted by Kinsmen Brewing, to be sold at home games — and may bring good luck

By Susan Dunne Hartford Courant

When the UConn football team takes the field against Middle Tennessee State on Friday at Rentschler Field, Huskies fans will have a new way to celebrate their team: a beer created just for fans of the university's athletic teams.

Husky Hops is a hazy IPA created by Kinsmen Brewing of Southington, in collaboration with UConn Athletics. Kinsmen partners Greg Caucci and Bruce Staebler say Husky Hops will be sold at concession stands at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, Gampel Pavilion on the Storrs campus and the XL Center in Hartford during UConn athletic events, as well as

at UConn hockey, baseball and soccer games.

Husky Hops also will be sold, in cans only, in Kinsmen's taproom at 409 Canal St. in the Milldale section of Southington. Caucci said eventually they hope that the beer also will be sold in package stores.

Caucci and Staebler, with their brewmaster-co-partner Bob Bartholomew, created Husky Hops with a blend of hops from the Pacific Northwest, with pilsner malts, flaked wheat, oats and pineapple and grapefruit notes.

"We wanted it to be really crushable, light, easy-to-drink,

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Kinsman Brewery has created Husky Hops, a UConn-themed beer to be sold at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, Gampel Pavilion on the Storrs campus and the XL Center in Hartford during Husky athletic events. KINSMEN BREWING/COURTESY

MIRA seeking OK for transfer station move

Garbage-burning operation to shut down in June

By Rebecca Lurye Hartford Courant

The regional trash-to-energy plant in Hartford has submitted the necessary application to become a full-time transfer station when it stops burning garbage next summer, a move that's expected to increase costs

to cities and towns.

The Materials Innovation Recycling Authority announced the plan in December 2020 but learned in July that it needed the state's permission to change its operation. On Sept. 14, the quasi-public agency sent \$30,250 in fees to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection along with a request to

ship up to 6,000 tons of garbage a week from its South Meadows plant to out-of-state-landfills until 2027.

MIRA plans to shut down the trash-burning operation in June 2022 after 34 years. In a recent presentation, the agency projected that shipping garbage rather than processing it will raise the tipping fees paid by 48 communities to \$114 to \$119 per ton in fiscal year 2023, up from \$105 per ton this year.

After five years, the tipping fee could reach \$139 to \$146 per ton. MIRA is proposing transferring

MIRA is proposing transferring up to 435,000 tons of garbage each year to landfills in Pennsylvania,

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Lamont invites Twitter users to #AskNedAnything

From vaccinations to Hartford Whalers, a look at some questions he did — and didn't — answer

By Christopher Keating Hartford Courant

Donald Trump used Twitter prolifically to consistently spread his message during four years as president with more than 88 million followers, but Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont is trying to catch up with a fraction of the audience at more than 80,000 followers.

In a new move this week, Lamont announced that he would answer some random questions, which were posed by both supporters and detractors.

"I have a few free minutes before my next meeting, so let's try something new," Lamont wrote. "Reply to this tweet with your questions and the #AskNedAnything hashtag."

Amid dozens of questions,

Lamont was asked everything from state policy to personal preferences, including his favorite ice cream flavor and favorite Taylor Swift and Lynyrd Skynyrd songs. He did not answer those, as well as a majority of the questions.

But he did answer more than a dozen questions on a variety of topics.

A Twitter user with the name of "Slaughter Sausage" asked about online gambling, which finally started Tuesday after years of debates in the state legislature and detailed negotiations with the Native American tribes that operate Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods Resort Casino.

Vaccinations remain one of the most talked-about issues at the state and national levels, ranging from booster shots for adults to vaccines for schoolchildren. Some Republicans and conservatives have blasted Lamont as "King Ned" because his emergency powers that started in March 2020 are scheduled to last at least until February 2022.

While Lamont's high-profile plan for electronic highway tolls across the state failed in the Democratic-controlled legislature, he has still been pushing for transportation improvements that can be paid with state and federal funds.

Even 15 years later, the epic political battle between U.S. Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman and Lamont still comes up. Lamont defeated Lieberman in the Democratic primary in August 2006, but then Lieberman won the general election in November.

Several tweets came back to the general theme of: "Can we bring the Whalers back?"

Although Lamont did not answer various personal questions,

he responded about his worst job. He has often said his best job was working as a reporter for a small weekly newspaper called the Black River Tribune in Vermont, his first job after graduating from college.

Concerning popular culture, Lamont said that he saw the latest James Bond movie.

Not answered

While Lamont answered questions on gambling, the Iraq War and other issues, Joseph Cuticelli said, "Ned chose to only answer "softball" questions. It is time to move on from "Executive Order" and back to legislative behavior. In general, the Gov did a good job managing COVID, but the emergency is over and ridiculous mitigation steps show no evidence of wealths?"

Lamont did not answer questions on lowering property taxes, high rates by landlords, and the state debt, among other issues.

Nate asked, "How much of a role do you and the state government expect to play in fixing UConn football? Next head coach, schedule, etc? You've made comments in the past that you want UConn football to be competitive on the national scale, but how do you plan to take action?"

Mark Giacona asked, "Hi Ned, we love CT, is there a plan/strategy for lowering property taxes across CT? We're fairly new here, and I haven't seen anything official."

Jennifer McPadden asked, "Is there anything you can do about the sky rocketing rentals in our state? Landlords are increasing rents by \$400+ for existing tenants"

Marc asked, "Why is my 4 year old forced still forced to wear a mask at daycare?"

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The Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority, which serves 48 cities and towns, plans to shut down its trash-to-energy operation in South Meadows in June 2022 after 34 years. The quasi-public agency is seeking state permission to instead transfer garbage out of state. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

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Ohio, Michigan, South Carolina and Alabama. The agency is seeking a higher weekly limit in order to accommodate the several times a year when it receives a heavier volume of garbage.

The plan would significantly reduce traffic in and out of the 80-acre, Maxim Road facility in Hartford, MIRA says; truck traffic would drop about 22% and overall traffic, including employee vehi-

cles, would drop 44%.

That's because the capital city's facility would transfer just 275,000 tons of waste a year. The rest, about 130,000-160,000 tons, would be trucked out-of-state directly from existing transfer stations in Essex, Torrington and Watertown, which currently serve as collection points on the way to Hartford, according to the application.

In 2020, MIRA burned nearly 550,000 tons of garbage at the aging processing plant in Hartford, which suffers frequent equipment breakdowns and struggles to run at

two-thirds its capacity, the agency reported during an Oct. 14 presentation. MIRA decided to end that operation after failing to secure funding for facility upgrades or a comprehensive redevelopment of its facilities.

MIRA is now evaluating several

proposals for the new transfer operation in the hopes of awarding a contract by December.

The agency has contracts with 48 cities and towns until 2027, but gives them an option to opt-out each March. If MIRA were to eliminate that option and require

them to commit to five years of service, tipping fees could be \$6 to \$9 cheaper, the presentation said.

The tipping fee for fiscal year 2023 should be available by the end of February.

Some of the proposals MIRA received would require towns to deliver their waste to different destinations. Some would require MIRA to continue burning trash past July 1, 2022 to allow for a later start date for transferring.

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and other central office admin-

Amy Webster, who carried a sign that read "let the victims speak," said the board's action fell short.

"This is about protecting our teachers and staff," said Webster, who has children in the school system. She is seeking an independent investigation that goes beyond Connor and includes other administrators. "Other people should be held accountable, it should not just be him," she said.

Several of the other protestors declined to provide their names.

About a dozen of Connor's supporters also attended the meeting. While many of them also would not speak on the record, they said he has been the target of an anonymous smear campaign.

By a unanimous vote, the school board empowered Cain to act as the "sole authority" to address the issues raised in the complaints against Connor. It also gave her the right "to make decisions and coordinate the activities of the board and act as a spokesperson of the board" regarding the matter.

Cain was empowered to develop "an investigation protocol" for the personnel complaint and any other complaints related to the superintendent and to "qualified professionals" such as investigators, investigation coordinators, "decision-makers" and/or press consultants.

However, any changes to the superintendent's contract still need the approval of the full board.

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not overly hoppy and bitter," Staebler said. "We think we hit all the right notes."

Staebler and Caucci said they have been working with UConn Athletics since before the pandemic to create a beer. The plan was stalled due to the COVID health crisis and just came to fruition this season. One of Kinsmen's managers, Jeff DeLucia, was a strong safety and co-captain of the UConn football team in the late '90s, as well as being named defensive MVP of the 1998 squad.

"He still maintains a lot of connections to the university. He worked on making this happen," Caucci said.

Husky Hops — with UConn's Jonathan the Husky mascot on a dark blue, one-pint can — was first sold on Oct. 16 at Rentschler,

where UConn beat Yale 21-15. "We sold out between the second and third quarter," Staebler said. "The fan reaction was fantastic. Oh my gosh, it was off the charts."

The victory against Yale snapped an Il-game losing streak. Do Caucci and Staebler think their beer is a good-luck charm for the Huskies?

"We think so. There's no coincidence there," Caucci joked. "We're looking forward to jumping into the basketball season."

A second themed beer will be available to UConn fans starting in November. Two Roads Brewing of Stratford has announced plans to introduce "Two-Conn Easy Ale," created in collaboration with UConn Athletics.

Collin Kennedy, a spokesman for Two Roads, called Two-Conn a golden ale "with a light malt backbone, touch of sweetness and just a kiss of hops."

Kennedy said Two-Conn will be on draft at the XL Center and Rentschler Field starting next month, and on draft at about 150 bars and restaurants around the state at that time. He added that Two-Conn will be available in cans at Gampel starting in 2022, at which time it will be sold in package stores also.

For bar and restaurant locations once Two-Conn launches, visit tworoadsbrewing.com.

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including police dogs, along with their ranks and the states where they served. Knight updates the rolling roster every month. The married father of one

The married father of one daughter is disabled with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Lou Gehrig's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative malady that causes muscle weakness and paralysis. Now age 50, Knight said he was told at age 18 that he would not make it past 21, but he beat the odds and traveling to 20-40 car shows each year is how he chooses to enjoy the time he has left.

Knight grew up in Virginia, where his mother and father served as Virginia Beach police officers. Living in Connecticut for the past 15 years, he said he has made many police officer friends,

particularly in Simsbury. The local department recently posted photos of the xB on its Facebook page after Knight donated a best theme trophy from a recent car show.

"We thank Rooster for his years of support and honoring the lives of the fallen!" the post said.

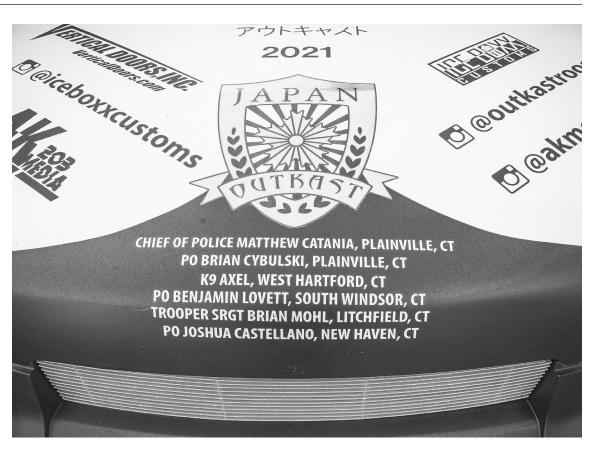
Knight got his nickname from a red mohawk he started sporting after hearing the ALS diagnosis as a young man. He said he decided then to live life on his own terms. The disease has paralyzed his left arm, Knight, whose hair is now colored green, said, so he does all the work on the car one-handed.

He said he'll continue the mobile tribute, his way of supporting those "who sign up every day" to serve others and put their lives on the line.

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For 2021, the mobile tribute is up to 347 police officers and police K-9s who have died in the line of duty, in accidents and from illness, particularly COVID-19. Connecticut officers' names are placed on the hood of the car.

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

After summer decline, rates ticking back up

Weekly positivity above 2% for 1st time in 2 weeks as hospitalizations reach highest since September

By Eliza Fawcett Hartford Courant

Connecticut's seven-day COVID-19 positivity rate rose above 2% for the first time in two weeks Tuesday, as hospitalizations hit their highest level since late September.

The state's seven-day COVID-19 positivity rate stands at about a third of what it was during this year's January surge of the virus, when the metric reached as high as 7%. Still, the rate is now higher than it was during a lull in the virus in the early summer, when it remained below 1.5% for two months.

Recently, hospitalizations in the state, which fell steadily through late August and September, have also slowly begun to rise.

Medical experts have indicated that Connecticut may see a rise in COVID-19 cases this fall due to colder weather and holiday gatherings, but it remains too early to tell whether that spike has arrived.

Cases and positivity rate: Connecticut reported 709 new COVID-19 cases out of 24,702 tests administered Tuesday, for a daily positivity rate of 2.87%. The state's seven-day positivity rate now stands at 2.05%, an increase from Monday's rate of 1.94%.

For the past two weeks, Connecticut's seven-day positivity rate has remained below 2%, dropping to as low as 1.78% on Oct. 13. Before that point, the last time the metric dropped below 2% was in

As of Tuesday, New Haven,



In Connecticut, 80.3% of residents 12 and older have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, according to the CDC. FILE

Windham and New London counties were classified by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as areas of "high" levels of COVID-19 transmission, while Connecticut's five other counties had "substantial" levels of trans-

Hospitalizations: Connecticut reported 248 COVID-19 hospitalizations on Tuesday, an increase of one person since Monday and the state's highest level of hospitalizations since Sept. 29.

Deaths: Connecticut reports coronavirus-linked deaths once a week. On Thursday, the state reported 40 COVID-19 deaths over the past week, bringing its total during the pandemic to 8,707.

The United States has now recorded 726,919 COVID-19 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Vaccinations: As of Tuesday, 77.8% of all Connecticut residents and 89.2% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 69.9% of all residents and 80.3% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the

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Police: Teen accidentally fired, killing 16-year-old

A 16-year-old was arrested Monday in the accidental death of another teen in Bridgeport that police said happened while he was playing with a gun.

The boy turned himself in at the Bridgeport Police Department on a warrant charging him with first-degree manslaughter with a firearm and other gun charges, police said. His name is not being released because he is a juvenile.

According to police, the deadly shooting happened Oct. 11 inside a Valley Avenue home., where four teenagers had gathered. Nigel Powell, 16, was shot in the head and later pronounced dead at St. Vincent's Medical Center.

The gunshot wound originally was reported as self-inflicted, police said, but after police investigated and asked more questions of the teens, some confirmed that another 16-year-old had fired the gun. The teen had been playing with the gun when it went off, they told police.

Police referred to the deadly shooting as "isolated" and said the case is closed.

— Christine Dempsev

Middletown assault leaves woman likely blind in 1 eye

Police say boyfriend beat her for getting 'too friendly' at party

By Christine Dempsey Hartford Courant

A North Carolina woman will likely be blind in one eye after her boyfriend beat her in Middletown over the weekend for "getting too friendly with the girls" at a gathering, according to the warrant for his arrest.

Kasime Leary, 39, of Ahoskie, N.C., was arrested Monday after undercover detectives spotted him, police said. He was charged with first-degree assault and was in custody early Tuesday on \$500,000 bail. Leary also has an address on Westfield Street in Middle-

According to the arrest warrant affidavit, the woman was dropped off at Middlesex Hospital Saturday night by someone driving a black Jeep Patriot. She had significant injuries to her head, face and eyes both of which were swollen

"She appeared to have an

unnatural depression in her left eyelid," an investigator wrote in the warrant. The Jeep took off.

Although she was badly injured and "reasonably intoxicated," the warrant said, police were able to talk to her. The woman told a detective she was injured when she went for a walk after being at a house party. A large man propositioned her for sex, and when she refused, he began beating her, she said, according to the warrant. She then was picked up by her friend, "Larry," who brought her to the hospital, she

Police called Larry, but he 'just continually stated, 'What's up?"" and then hung up, the warrant said. He wouldn't answer any more calls.

On Monday, two investigators went to Hartford Hospital to talk to the woman. She had been transferred there because of the seriousness of her injuries, the warrant said.

The woman told investigators that her boyfriend, Kasime Leary, or Larry, was the person who assaulted her, but things

are "OK now," the warrant said. She said she and Leary had

traveled to Connecticut to visit his friends. She does not know anyone in the area, she said. They were hanging out at a small gathering in some town-houses in Middletown "and she was 'getting too friendly with the girls," "the warrant said. It didn't elaborate.

The hospital wouldn't let Leary visit her in the hospital, but the two talked on the phone, she told police, and he planned to pick her up when she is discharged, according to the

Police learned that Leary has a criminal record in North Carolina that includes multiple convictions for assault on a female and injury to personal property, the warrant

When detectives went to look for Leary Monday, they saw him driving the Jeep and took him into custody, police said.

Hospital staff told police that the woman may have suffered a fractured orbital bone and may lose her sight in one eye.

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Man injured in Hartford shooting, police say

A man was wounded during a dinnertime shooting in Hart-ford's Northeast neighborhood Monday, police said.

The man, who is in his 50s, survived, they said.

Officers were dispatched to the area of 131 Martin St. about 6:30 p.m. after getting a ShotSpotter alert, police said. They found the man suffering from a gunshot wound.

He was taken to the hospital, where he is listed in stable condition, they said.

The Major Crimes and Crimes Scene divisions responded and took over the investigation.

Anyone with any information about the shooting is asked to call the HPD Tip Line at 860-722-8477 (TIPS)

Before Monday, the last shooting in Hartford reported by police was Oct. 11, when a 16-year-old girl was hit by gunfire while sitting in a car on Park Street.

She, too, survived, police said.

Christine Dempsey

Gambling

"We're looking forward to positive, incremental gains for the entire state of Connecticut," he

At least during the pandemic, online gambling could be a lucrative stand-in for the casinos that some visitors avoid because of COVID-19

Adam McLaren, a senior analyst at Moody's Investors Service, said in an Oct. 12 research note that the delta variant is rising, renewing risks to the industry that has rebounded from COVID-19. He focused on Las Vegas casinos, saying business travel is in the early stages of recovery.

"We still expect it will take time before group travel and convention returns to 2019 levels, if it does, because business travel may not return to original levels for some time, if at all," he said.

Consumers will likely return to a more normal level of spending on gambling, slowing demand for casino business late this year and into 2022, McLaren said.

Robert T. Simmelkjaer II, chairman of the board of the Connecticut Lottery Corp., said a sharp drop in revenue during the pandemic last year spurred the casinos and Lamont administration to negotiate a deal reworking the state's gambling landscape. Connecticut takes 25% of slot revenue and, with the casinos, takes a hit as slot revenue declines.

"They had an acute need to find

a new source of revenue. And so did the state," he said in an interview with Jared Kotler, host of the Connecticut Scoreboard Podcast. "So everybody had an incentive to get a deal done."

Foxwoods posted about \$327 million in slot machine revenue for the year that ended June 30, a drop of \$116 million, or 26% from before the pandemic. Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun closed for nearly three months last year and reopened on a limited basis to stem the spread of COVID-19.

The tribes, state lawmakers and then-Gov. Dannel P. Malloy first talked up sports betting in 2018 when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a federal law that had barred betting on football, basketball, baseball and other sports in most states.

Gov. Ned Lamont resumed negotiations, which picked up speed this year.

At the center of the complicated negotiations were compacts guaranteeing exclusive gambling rights to the Mashantucket Pequots, the owners of Foxwoods, and Mohegans in return for billions of dollars in tax revenue on slot machine use.

Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods opened their sports betting sites Sept. 30 and the Lottery Corp. will soon be opening betting sites in New Haven, Stamford and Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, followed by seven other sites in the next few weeks.

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Hartford firefighters help a man out of a burning building Sunday evening. PATRICK DOOLEY/SQUAD FIRE

Four injured, 1 critically, in Hartford fire

Four people were injured, one critically, in a fire in Hartford Sunday evening, a fire official said.

Almost 60 people were displaced, said Mario Oquendo, Jr., district chief and public information officer.

The fire at 820 Wethersfield Ave. was reported about 6:30 p.m., he said. It burned in a first-floor corner apartment and extended into the common hallway. Police officers and firefight-

ers helped residents out of the building, and the fire was quickly knocked down, Oquendo said.

Four people went to the hospital, one of them a resident with medical problems who was suffering from smoke inhalation. He was listed in critical condition and was still being treated Tuesday, he said. The other three residents have been discharged.

The fire displaced 58 people 48 adults and 10 children in 33 families, Oquendo said. The American Red Cross helped the Hartford Fire Department's Special Services Unit find temporary housing for the families.

- Christine Dempsey



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Wethersfield CT 06109 860-266-3184 Auction Date- Oct 27, 2021 1:00 PM 3474A Julio Hernandez House goods 3192 Patrick Jackson House goods 4231 Kimberly Palmer-Davis House

goods
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.com.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Sumati J. Patel, AKA Sumat Jayantilal Patel, AKA Sumati Pate (21-00725)

The Hon. Walter A. Clebowicz, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated October 13, 2021 ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is: Divyesh Patel c/o JEFFREY M SACHS, BILLER, SACHS & ROBERT, 2750 WHITNEY AVENUE, HAMDEN, CT 06518 10/20/21 7064171

NOTICE U-Haul Moving and Storage Company of Downtown Waterbury, will sell household and personal items, contained in the following storage rooms due to unpaid storage fees on Monday, November 8th, 2021...

Nyasia Baker	2109
Kiareliz Soriano	3165
Yulisa Batista	1144
Arayna Santos	1091
natasha berryman	3105
erika dandonoli	1008
Charlene Allen	1012
victor layne	3145
Mary Haase	3253
Walter Solberg	3198
terrence waver	1054
MARION CARROWAY	3065
rodolfo lopez	3120
tara coleman	3110
JANET RODRIGUEZ	3241
francisco delvillar	3175
ROBERT KENNEDY	3013
dominique betances	3219
jerone phillips	2052
sherrie smith	2015
Michael Trotman	2101
CHRISANNE KAYSER	2136
Theresa Cesare	3252
lakeisha dunn	1084
CHRISTINE SIMONE	2008
Angel Comas	1001
ISMET AJDINOSKI	3012
Stephen Nichols	1116
carlos cordeiro	3080
TERRY ANN WILSON	3108
care product inc.	3121
venus phiffer	2021
Christopher Moya	2126
Jordan Reilly	2035
Niuris Perez	2097
Donna Pittman	3206
KAREN GUERTIN	1146
ANIRUDDH VERMA	1033
Joseph Anothony Pena	3043
Erykah Renee-Batista	1142
Robert Carter	3227
annetonette coleman	3074
Tianna Byrd	2117
Rachel Lavertue luis zayas	2117 2112 1156
ASSATU KNOWLES	1034
betty tamika brown	3007
christopher paris	2105
Paola Miranda-Gonzalez	3044

560 Bank Street, Waterbury, CT, 06708 on Monday, November 8th, 2021 on Storageauctions.com and close out at

9:00AM.

Purchases to be paid for at the time of purchase, a \$100.00 deposit will be needed on EACH room purchased. UHAUL reserves the right to bid or purchase any lot or space. Auction service chase any lot or space. Auction Service provided by www.storageauctions.com Absolutely No U-Haul Storage customers, or their family or friends on their behalf, whose units are listed in auction, may participate in any auction proceedings. You MUST contact Marketing Company Storage Manager, Joy Pace, for

MIDDLETOWN PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2021

1. Approved re-subdivision creating two lots from a 5.23 ac property located at 88 Preston Avenue in the R-60 zone. Applicant/agent Roger and Marylou Spurr/Pat Benjamin P.E. S2021-3

Stephen Devoto, Chair Planning and Zoning Commission 10/20/21 7065085

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132 Silas Deane Hwy Wethersfield CT 06109 860-916-0534 Auction Date- Oct 26,2021 1:00 PM 287 Matthew Ramsey House goods 261 Matthew Manisey House goods 628 Rafael Feliciano House goods The auction will be listed and adver-tised on www.storagetreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. The first of the complete the danasaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. 10/13, 10/20/21 7060362

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Commission of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 1, 2021 in the 1st floor conference room, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and via teleconference to consider the following:

Petition to Amend the Old Saybrook Zoning Regulations to remove Sec. 68.1.2B4* Narrow Street Setback, Sect. 9 Definitions Street line to allow other line setback when street is an unimproved road, leads to a coastal resource, CT River or LIS. Sec. 9 Special resource, CI RIVEY of LIS. Sec. 9 Special Flood Hazard Area – add AO & AH, 68.1.2B9* Tidal Wetland Setback to allow vertical expansion over non-conforming structures. New 10.11 Repair to allow reconstruction of certain pre-existing non-conformities of 120 s.f. ruless Sect 9 Structure to evolute or less. Sect. 9 Structure to exclude sheds of 120 s.f. or less, hot tubs, and seasonal inflatable/metal pools. Remove references to previously deleted section 52.17.15, 52.7.18 and 52.7.13 from Adult Entertainment, Automotive Use, Residential Lifecare Facility Use, Residential Lifecare Facility standards in Sec. 53. Delete section 53 Accessory apartment (residential) and replace with Accessory Apartment to include both attached and detached apartments for compliance with State Law (PA 21-29). Delete 7.7.1 Min. Building Size. Amend 62.4.5 Parking for 1 or 2 dwellips unit to require 1 space for 1 or 2 dwelling unit to require 1 space for accessory apartment. Remove/replace the words character and characteristics in 89 places throughout the regulations where appropriate. Amend Section 53 Accessory Apartments Mixed Use in the B-1 District to Mixed Use Apts. and allow for than 2 when deed restricted Old Saybrook Zoning

Public Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/9 2356062093?pwd=WEZSYVdRcm1Dcm s4d2wxMGFTVitiZz09 Meeting ID: 923 5606 2093 Meeting Passcode: 302302

Teleconference Dial-In: (929) 436-2866 One Tap Mob tel://9294362866,,92356062093#

At this hearing interested parties may appear and be heard and written communications may be submitted in advance via email to chris.costa@ oldsaybrookct.gov or regular mail. Copies of applications and plans are on file in the Land Use Department, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and at www. oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning-commission 10/20, 10/27/2021 7052853

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177 Brickyard Rd, Farmington, CT 06032 Auction date-October-27-21 at 1 PM Mattia Scott, Unit P8 - Household items

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Carmen Marchisello, Unit W22 –

Household Goods

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tised on www.storagetreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facil-ity in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of 10/13, 10/20/21 7048243

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Jayantilal S. Patel, AKA Jayantilal Shankerbhai Patel, AKA Jayantilal Patel (21-00718)

The Hon. Walter A. Clebowicz, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated October 13, 2021 ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recove on such claim

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:

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HAMDEN, CT 06518
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INVITATION TO BID CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

proposals, addressed to the Purchasing Supervisor, City of Middletown, Room 112, Municipal Building, Middletown, Connecticut, will ed Monday, November 15, 2021 by 11:00 am for the following contract

BID #2021-022 CONTRACTED SNOW SERVICES PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Bid documents may be obtained at the Purchasing Office, Room 112, Municipal Building, 245 DeKoven Drive, Middletown, CT., Monday - Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for a fee of \$5.50 per page. It is preferred that they are downloaded free of charge on the City of Middletown web site: www.MiddletownCT.gov. All questions concerning this bid should be directed in writing to the Purchasing Department via fax at 860-638-4895 or email at purchase@MiddletownCT.gov.

Bids will not be publicly opened in the Municipal Building, however, bids will be opened and read aloud via Webex. Additional information and a link will be provided on our website www. middletownct.gov for those interested in viewing the bid opening via Webex.

to waive any defect or any irregularity in any bid and reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof. Bids, and amendments to bids received after the time set for the bid opening will not be considered. All bids must be com-pletely filled out when submitted. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the City of Middletown's written consent. Withdrawal of any bid must be submitted in writing to the City

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Dated: 10/20/2021

/s/ Donna I Formato CPPR NIGP-CPP 10/20/21 7064353





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Sean, left, and Shanna Westaway enjoy doing separate activities while spending time together at their home in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina. CORNELL WATSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES

PARALLEL PLAY

Engaging in independent activities alongside others not just for kids

By Sophie Vershbow The New York Times

'Want to read quietly next to each other in Riverside Park?" I texted a friend one Sunday afternoon in July. I was exhausted from staying out too late the night before and filled with the dread that clings to those final hours of the weekend — but I didn't want to be alone. "Meet there at 1?" she wrote back and I packed my backpack, excited to spend another afternoon both alone and together with a friend.

The term parallel play usually refers to young children playing independently alongside one another, but it can also be a valuable way to think about adult relationships. Mildred Parten, a sociologist, first identified the concept in her 1929 dissertation as one of six categories of group play in early childhood. Although not a discrete developmental phase, engaging in parallel play is an important part of how toddlers learn to interact with others, share and become social beings. Think about kids quietly building their own separate towers with blocks or running around the playground without really interacting. Though they're not engaging with each other, these children are also not playing entirely alone.

For adults, what makes parallel play different from two people ignoring each other in the same room is a secure foundation underpinning their relationship, explained Dr. Amir Levine, a psychiatrist and a co-author of "Attached: The New Science of Adult Attachment and How It Can Help You Find — and Keep — Love." "Parallel play is one of the hallmarks of secure relationships, but it has to be done right," Levine said. "It's all about availability. If you know that the other person is available and that if you need them, they will pay attention to you, then you feel secure."

When you don't have a secure relationship, attempting to act independently of your friend or part-



Sierra Reed, right, reads on her roof in Brooklyn, New York, with friend Sammie Nunziata. DESIREE RIOS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

ner while sharing the same space can backfire. I'm often reminded of a Reddit post that went viral last year about a 33-year-old man who destroyed the blanket his 21-year-old girlfriend spent six months knitting because he was feeling ignored. Levine said: "The same behavior can be seen from two different places: If the person feels secure, they will not mind the knitting, etc. It will feel magical to be able to do things in parallel under the same roof. But if the person feels uncared for, then these things make them feel alone." Theoretically, in a more secure relationship, he could have taken up his own living room hobby and spent quality time with her.

Indeed, the existence of parallel play in a partnership can be a bellwether for a healthy one. Sean Westaway, an IT director in Raleigh, North Carolina, said he and his wife, Shanna, often played separate video games, read or do crossword puzzles instead of coming up with activities to do together. For Westaway, thinking of the time they spend "playing" independently together makes him feel calm. No one is looking for control or getting stressed out trying to agree on something to do. After spending so much time under the same roof during the pandemic, he now views parallel play as a critical part of their relation-

While it may seem strange that being actively there for your partner makes it easier to seek independence from them, it's actually an example of what psychologists call the dependency paradox. "There's a direct link between feeling securely attached and the exploratory drive," Levine said.

Although adults don't play in the same way that children do, we can still approach the world with curiosity and a drive to explore. Often when we feel safe, that drive increases. But, Levine said, "if we feel that our partner is not there for us, we develop tunnel vision and can only think about the relationship." In this way, secure relationships give us the peace of mind to develop independent interests.

Sara Fowler, a creative writer in Washington, D.C., said writing alongside her boyfriend helped them spend quality time together on weekends when he had to work. "Most weekends that I visit him, he sets me up with snacks and drinks," she said. "It's honestly an A-plus couples activity. I like supporting him in his commitment to his work and appreciate his encouragement of my writing goals. It's a pleasant, low-pressure way to spend a few hours in his company."

Romantic partnerships aren't the only relationships in which parallel play signals a secure attachment style though. Sierra Reed, a creative and social strategist in Brooklyn said her closest friends were those she could be with and "do nothing." She can work while a friend cooks, for example. And engaging in these independent activities while being together makes Reed feel closer to her friends, she said, not further apart. "They are the people I can just be with, feel the love and think, 'This is perfect.'

Parallel play might also provide a clue as to why some roommates fared better than others during the pandemic. "During COVID, we couldn't get away from the people we live with as often as usual," said Dr. Jessi Gold, a psychiatrist at Washington University in St. Louis. "While I don't think we always need 'alone time,' sometimes we need being together, but not actually interacting time.' It's a way to know that someone is there, that you aren't alone, like a safety blanket while still being able to do what you want to be doing. It allows you not to get sick of that person you care so much about because you are doing something with them 24/7."

EX-ETIQUETTE

Talk to ex about plans for daughters' stays

By Jann Blackstone Tribune News Service

Q: My ex moved out nine months ago. He has no furniture in his apartment — nothing but a TV in the living room and a bed in his room. I told him maybe he should take a break and postpone his weekends with our daughters, 6 and 8, until he gets some furniture. He refuses! If I called Child Protec-

tive Services, would they intervene? What's good ex-etiquette?

A: Good ex-etiquette is working with your children's father so he can continue to see the girls on a regular basis, not try to penalize him for not having a lifestyle of which you approve. If we are basing the decision on what is best for the kids, it's being with dad — having a couch around while you are doing that doesn't really make a

difference.

When things like this happen, it forces parents to get creative to maintain a relationship with their children. Here are some examples of my clients thinking out of the box ...

One dad who had no furniture turned the weekend into movie night with the kids. They would rent a movie, buy a pizza, pop popcorn and camp out in front of the TV, all crashing together with pillows

and blankets. It was every Saturday to Sunday. The kids loved it. They didn't care if they had a bed to sleep on. They had their dad.

Another parent lost his job and lived in his camper while looking for employment. His son just thought he went camping with dad every other weekend. They would go to different places, have adventures and camp and fish. They did this until dad got a new job



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and rented an apartment.

A young child doesn't really understand what it means to "lose a job." They do understand when they

don't see you. Would CPS intervene in either of the cases above?

Doubtful. That you are contemplating calling CPS is a red flag to me.

Call your ex instead. Talk to him about his plans while putting your children first, especially if this is only temporary.



Meghan McCain, left, departed "The View" following a comment from Joy Behar. AP PHOTOS

McCain details why she left 'View'

From news services

Meghan McCain says she decided to leave "The View" following her second day back from maternity leave in January when frequent foil Joy Behar said, "I did not miss you," during a political argument.

McCain, who left this summer after four years as the ABC daytime talk show's conservative voice, told that and other backstage stories in a new book, "Bad Republican," and a subsequent interview with Variety.

During the Jan. 5 show, McCain interrupted Behar to say, "Are you kidding me?" when her colleague said the Republican Party is in more trouble than the Democrats. Behar was clearly angered, saying, "Excuse me, am I done? I'm not done."

McCain pressed on with her response, and Behar referenced the interruption again when she was finished.

'You missed me so much, Joy," McCain replied. "You missed me so much when I was on maternity leave ... You missed fighting with me."

Behar replied: "I did not. I did not miss you. Zero.' "It is one of the most singular feelings of loneli-

ness and anguish I have felt in my entire life," McCain wrote. "It was a perfect storm of hormones, postpartum anxiety and a lot of demons on 'The View' coming out to bite me."

A spokeswoman for "The View" said Tuesday that Behar had no plans to comment.

Adele to appear in Winfrey special: Days after singersongwriter Adele released her first single in six years, CBS announced Monday that the "Hello" hit-maker will preview her forthcoming album with a concert performance and TV interview with Oprah Winfrey during a two-hour primetime special.

"Adele One Night Only" - airing Nov. 14 on CBS and streaming on Paramount+ — will see the Grammy winner perform a mix of her greatest hits, as well as "several neverbefore-heard songs" from her fourth studio album, "30." The vocalist, 33, will also visit Winfrey's rose garden for a conversation about the record, "the stories behind the songs, life after divorce, weight loss and raising her son."

Dion delays shows: Celine Dion is delaying the opening of her new Las Vegas show due to muscle

spasms that have kept her from performing.

A statement posted Tuesday on her website said the singer has been having severe and persistent muscle spasms. and she is being evaluated and treated by a medical team.

Shows Nov. 5 to Nov. 20 and Jan. 19 to Feb. 5 are being canceled.

West's name changed to Ye: A Los Angeles judge Monday approved the request of the rapper, producer and fashion designer to legally change his name from Kanye Omari West to just Ye, with no middle or last name.

"There being no objections, the petition for change of name is granted," Judge Michelle Williams Court said in court documents.

The petition filed Aug. 24 cited "personal reasons."

Oct. 20 birthdays: Singer Wanda Jackson is 84. Actor William Russ is 71. Actor Viggo Mortensen is 63. TV host Sunny Hostin is 53. Actor Kenneth Choi is 50. Rapper Snoop Dogg is 50. Singer Jimi Westbrook is 50. Actor John Krasinski is 42. Actor Katie Featherston is 39. Actor Jennifer Nicole Freeman is 36.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

askamy@amydickinson.com Twitter@askingamy

Cousin feels violated over childhood abuse

Dear Amy: When I was a child, my female cousin, who is three years older than me, engaged me in sexual games/role-playing that I now realize were not at all age-appropriate.

She swore me to secrecy and praised me for being such a good cousin for keeping our secret. This abuse went on for almost three years.

We are now in our 30s, and when I raised the issue of the child sexual abuse with her, she denied it ever happened.

She asked me why I hate her that much, and why am I making this up? She accused me of fracturing the family with my allegations.

I told a few family members, including her parents, and now I've been vilified, because no one believes me.

I have discussed this with my therapist, who advised me that people will not want to face the ugly truth about my cousin, so I will probably never be vindicated.

I reached out to my cousin and suggested that we have an in-person conversation to clear the air, and a follow-up with family members, but she has ignored my request.

Any advice for me so I can move forward? Trying to Move Forward

Dear Trying: If this abuse went on for three years, and your older cousin swore you to secrecy, then it stands to reason that she knew this was wrong at the time. And yet the behavior continued for years.

I'm so sorry this happened. I hope you do have some family members who believe you and who are concerned for your healing.

I agree with your therapist that your abuser and her immediate family — will most likely never acknowledge her actions and how her actions hurt vou. For them to do so would be for them to admit that their daughter (or sister) preyed on, manipulated and hurt a child.

You should also explore with your therapist any other options you might have, including legal options. You don't mention specifics about your cousin's abuse, but if she continued this behavior with other vulnerable children, there may be others out there who also deserve

Anyone wrestling with questions of sexual assault and abuse can contact RAINN.org. Their 24-hour phone hotline (800-656-4673) and live "chat" function is staffed by counselors who are there to help.

Dear Amy: I saw my sisterin-law of almost 50 years after not seeing her for two years (due to the pandemic). She had lost a moderate amount of weight - I would guess 30 pounds. Honestly, I was shocked when I saw her.

I commented about her weight loss and asked if she was OK. I was concerned about her!

She blew up at me and stated I had no business asking her about her weight loss. She told me how inconsiderate I had been. I promptly apologized and said that I was sorry that I offended her. How should I have

handled this situation? She did not look ill — just a lot smaller. Wondering

Dear Wondering: If your sister-in-law did not look ill, then why did vou ask her if she was OK?

If your sister-in-law has spent the pandemic taking off 30 pounds, rather than putting them on (as many of us have done), then she might not have appreciated the implication that she could only lose weight through illness.

And if she is actually ill, she might not have been ready to discuss it.

Your sister-in-law's reaction was definitely oversized, but it is not a good idea to comment on weight loss — or gain — until the other person has opened the door to the topic.

Dear Amy: "Disappointed" planned a group trip, only to have people drop out after deposits had been

This reminded me of lessons I've learned while trip planning: Everyone needs skin in the game.

If one person is booking and shelling out deposits for everything, the others can easily drop out at the last minute.

It's safer if one person handles car transportation, another arranges outings, another does the lodging, etc. — that way you're in it equally.

- Been There

Dear Been There: Great advice. It is also wise to pursue opportunities that offer refunds.

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CBS sitcom 'Ghosts' combines misfit spirits, feel-good charm

By Lynn Elber Associated Press

The title seems to be a dead giveaway, but there's more to the new comedy "Ghosts" than things that go bump in the night.

"We totally think of this show as What We Do in the Shadows' meets 'Ted Lasso," said producer Joe Wiseman.

Substitute misfit spirits for predatory vampires, and a lovable young couple for upbeat Ted, and you'll get an inkling of what Wiseman and collaborator Joe Port have in mind for the CBS sitcom, airing Thursdays and streaming on Paramount+. "Ghosts" stars Rose

McIver and Utkarsh Ambudkar as Samantha and Jay. She's a freelance journalist, he's a chef on the rise, and they're living the big-city life. Then she inherits a mansion in New York's Hudson Valley and, on a whim, enlists a reluctant Jay into renovating it as a bed-and-breakfast.

Turns out, however, it's already inhabited by deadbeat guests with deep emotional ties to the property — they died there and who are spooked by the idea of sharing their digs with the living.

Among the eerie eight: a Viking explorer, circa 1000 A.D. (Devon Chandler Long); a lounge singer from the early 20th century (Danielle Pinnock); a 1960s hippie (Sheila Carrasco); a 1980s financial shark (Asher Grodman), and a 16thcentury indigenous man (Roman Zaragoza) with superb comic timing.

A near-fatal accident gives Samantha the ability to see and interact with the departed, who are far more quirky than threatening. The series, based on the lauded BBC series of the same name, films in Montreal as a stand-in for



Rose McIver, center, in the comedy series "Ghosts." CBS

New York.

"When I read the pilot script, it was one of the first times in a long time I had just laughed out loud. And I love working in comedy TV," McIver said.

She's unsure why "interacting with the afterlife has been a very big part of my career," as she put it, with "iZombie" and "The Lovely Bones" among her TV and movie credits. "I don't particularly seek it out. I don't know if it's something in my complexion," the actor said, drolly.

Ámbudkar, who described himself as reluctant to join the series for reasons including the pandemic constraints that delayed its production, credits his co-star's urging with helping to change his mind.

"Rose kept calling and texting, like, 'Dude, what are you doing? We've got to do this show together.' She was very persistent," said Ambudkar ("Blindspotting," "Never Have I Ever").

The project's clever premise, what he termed a new take on the "dysfunctional family comedy," and

its alternate approach to the three-camera sitcom format with a laugh track, eased his concerns about joining a traditional network series.

"I watched five minutes of the BBC show, and I saw the single-camera format," Ambudkar said. "I saw the level of sort of humor that was being employed, and I said, 'This could really work, no matter where it goes.' Sometimes you just have to trust in the product itself, not where it lands."

The two actors eagerly trade compliments.

"We call him a comedic weapon," McIver said. Drawing on his improv experience, "Utkarsh always brings something surprising. We have developed a really good relationship of working out where our strengths are and playing off each other."

"Rose is really dedicated to her craft" and to her castmates, Ambudkar said. "She does all her off-camera work at the same energy level as her on-camera. ... It's really nice when your No. 1 is that present and invested in everyone's success."

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19): A power struggle in one of your relationships could be hard for you and the other person to see clearly today. While you might appear to be overly emotional, perhaps they are goading you and getting away with it in a way that makes you look like the problem.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You may have a lot of energy for getting things done today. Still, some of your vigor could get diverted by your temptation to convince others of the One True Way – yours, obviously — to carry out a particular task. Tell them directly instead of sneaking around.

Gemini (May 21-June **20):** A risky investment could be appealing to you now, but the reality of the situation might be more complex than the hype; there may be strings.

Though the benefits could turn out to outweigh the drawbacks, don't let peer pressure push you into anything you're not sure of. Cancer (June 21-July 22):

Your eagerness to take action on home-related matters could be met by resistance. While you may struggle to understand how they don't see the need to maintain the household with the same urgency you do, you have to respect their priorities are not yours.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Solving a problem at work might require you to honestly talk through some cultural differences with your colleagues. You may be tempted to demand your own way because what you want seems like the obvious choice from your perspective. Make sure that others feel included.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A money issue could be especially stressful because someone is playing on your sympathy. You may be afraid to stand up to them because they wear their suffering on their sleeve, but if you resent what you are being asked, this will come out no matter how much you try to hide it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Although you may feel like its time to assert yourself in a close relationship, the other person could respond with things they have been meaning to get off their chest, too. While you, as the initiator, have had time to think through your strategy, they might be surprised.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may feel a valid reason to hold back information from others, but if you become aware that this is interfering with something important getting done, you might need to change your approach. The people whose reactions you are afraid of could be kinder than you think.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Arguments in your social circle could get heated at this time, and

people might be surprised to discover that your views on a hot-button topic are not what they expected. They may, however, be impressed if they can see that you put your money where your mouth is. Live out the change you want

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your progress toward your ambitions may be moving along so well that it could be hard to admit you need some downtime at home to do your own thing. Still, you are better off acknowledging this and giving yourself permission to relax rather than pushing yourself.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Though you may assume that everyone around you shares your politics, you could be surprised . You might feel betrayed not so much because of what they believe, but because you found out they kept it from you for a long time. Consider whether you contributed.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): A money issue may be frustrating for you at this time, as you might feel that someone is pushing you around. However, realizing that this conflict is likely part of a bigger societal problem may actually be comforting to you now, as it allows you to feel less alone in your struggle.

TODAY IN **HISTORY**

Associated Press

On Oct. 20, 1803, the U.S. Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase.

In 1936, Helen Keller's teacher. Anne Sullivan Macy, died in Forest Hills, N.Y., at age 70.

In 1947, the House **Un-American Activities** Committee opened hearings into alleged Communist infiltration in the U.S. motion picture industry.

In 1968, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy married Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis.

In 1977, three members of the rock group Lynyrd Skynyrd were killed along with three others in the crash of a chartered plane.

Lancaster died at age 80.

In 1994, actor Burt

In 2018, Saudi Arabia announced that journalist Jamal Khashoggi had been killed in Saudi Arabia's consulate in Istanbul; there was immediate skepticism over the Saudi account that Khashoggi had died during a "fistfight."

BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

An extra array of word games, search and Jumble. Want more? Play online at PlayJumble.com



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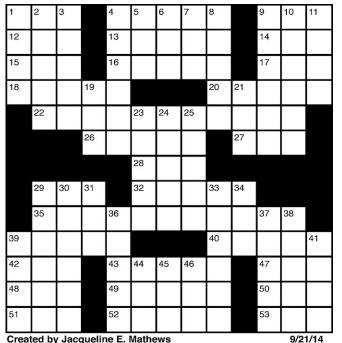
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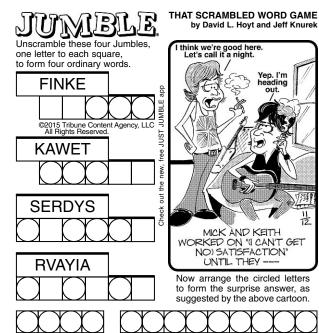
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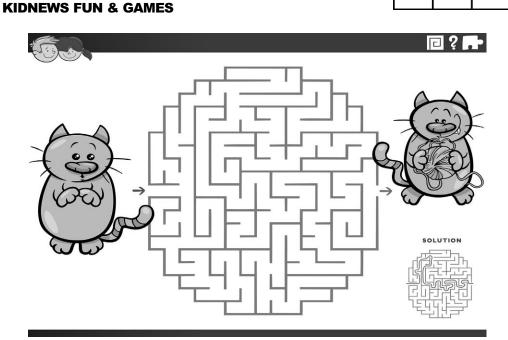
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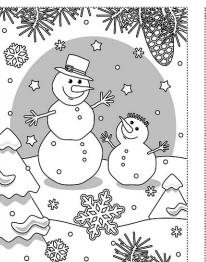
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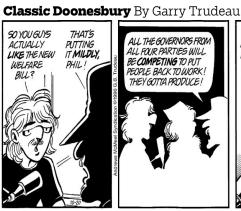


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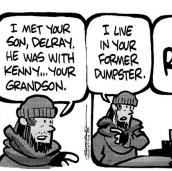






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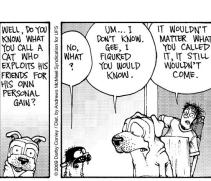




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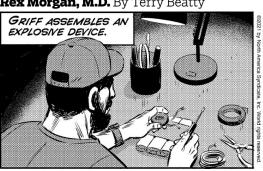


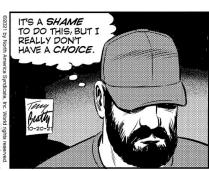
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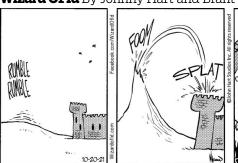




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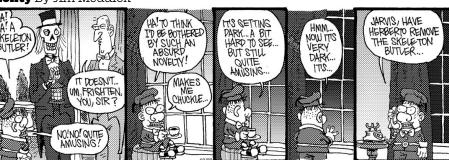
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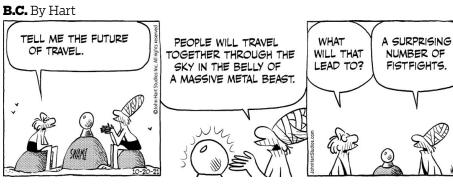
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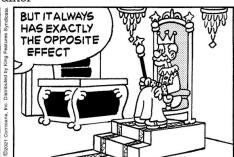






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Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne





Hagar The Horrible By Chris Browne





Non Sequitur By Wiley Miller



Curtis By Ray Billingsley









Pickles By Brian Crane









Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman







Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady and Don Wimmer







Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



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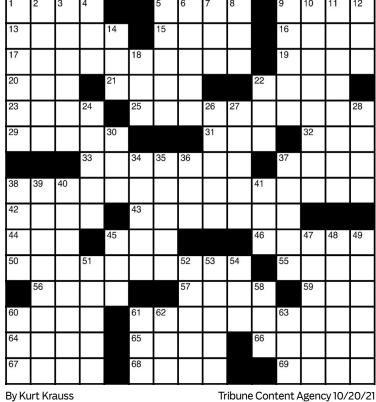
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BRIDGE BY STEVE BECKER

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The bidding:

Reading the cards

Cards always tell a story. The difficult part is, first, to recognize the story being told and, second, to put the information to gainful use. Here is a typical case.

West led a heart against South's three-notrump contract. East won with the king and returned the eight. West took declarer's queen with the ace and continued a heart to South's jack. Declarer led a diamond to the queen, East taking the ace, and South won the rest to finish with an overtrick.

The contract should have been defeated, and West was the player at fault.

He should have known the exact distribution of the opposing hearts in the unseen hands and should have allowed South to hold the second trick with the queen in order to maintain a link with East in that suit.

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Had West ducked the queen, declarer would eventually have lost four hearts and a diamond to go down one. West can tell from East's return of the

eight, his highest remaining heart, that declarer started with precisely the Q-J-6 of hearts. It is true that in theory South could also

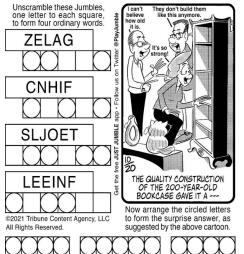
have had the missing four-spot. But in practice he could not, as there would be no reason for South to play the queen at trick two with the ten in dummy. Once West reaches this conclusion, it

becomes obvious that his best bet is to duck the queen and hope his partner gains the lead before South can come to nine

Tomorrow: The hand is quicker than the eye.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



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Enough with the glorified exhaustion



Heidi Stevens Balancing Act

One year ago this month, I found out I had COVID-19. I spent a few days in the hospital and then a few more weeks healing on my couch. I have to monitor my heart because the virus traveled there and did some damage, but I'm otherwise fully recovered.

One thing I've dramatically changed in the year since my diagnosis? How much sleep I allow myself

It took me about six months post-COVID-19 not to feel exhausted all the time. I gave myself permission to finally get eight hours of sleep most nights, after years and years of subsisting — kind of proudly, to be honest — on four to five hours per night.

For decades, I bought into notions of sleep being an unnecessary luxury, even a bit of an indulgence. Who has kids and a career and enough sleep? No one I knew.

To be clear, there are people for whom life's circumstances render enough sleep impossible. I was not one of them. I was mostly just saying yes to too much work, checking Twitter too much and drinking too much coffee to fall asleep at a reasonable hour.

I normalized feeling awful pretty much all the time. When I was diagnosed with COVID-19, I remember telling everyone who would listen, "I didn't even have symptoms! I felt fine! I mean, my entire body hurt and I had a raging headache but, like, who doesn't?'

Me, now that I get enough sleep.

Exhaustion is glorified and monetized in our



Ample sleep is linked to lower rates of depression, lower blood sugar, lower risk of stroke and heart disease and a stronger immune system. DREAMSTIME

culture. It's the hallmark, we're led to believe, of thinkers and doers. Brilliant minds never rest! I'll sleep when I'm dead! (You can buy that second one on a coffee mug, natch.)

At rest, we're not producing. At rest, we're not selling products or closing deals or putting out proverbial fires or answering emails. At rest, we're barely capitalists. (For shame!)

Better, we're often led to believe, to rob your body of sleep and then fill it with caffeine from one of the 14 coffee places near work. Don't like coffee? No problem. They've started caffeinating water.

I established my poor sleeping habits, like so many people, in college. Why would you sleep when you could be hanging out at the college paper? Or

the bar, with the people from the college paper? The hours during which my childhood self slept became a secret garden of time. It felt subversive and grown-up to watch the clock tick past 1 a.m. and then 2 a.m. and then 3 a.m. and still be awake. Plus I could get so much done!

I course corrected in my 20s, only to backslide when I had kids. My babies weren't great sleepers. My daughter spent years 2-11 resisting bedtime at all costs (our sleep, mostly). And, if I'm perfectly honest, I often stayed up longer than I needed to or got up earlier than I ought to just to experience some solitude.

It felt, again, like a secret garden of time. Look at me! Having kids! And a career! And still finding time to

read contemporary fiction! Having it all!

But it all takes a toll. Sleep, researchers have found, bathes your brain in something called cerebrospinal fluid, which washes away toxins that build up each day. Ample sleep is linked to lower rates of depression, lower blood sugar, lower risk of stroke and heart disease and a

stronger immune system. But you probably already know all that stuff. I did. (OK, I didn't know about cerebrospinal fluid until I read about it in an Inc. article a couple of weeks ago. But the other stuff is pretty common knowledge.)

It's hard to give ourselves permission to take care of ourselves, though. It's hard, especially, when taking care of ourselves means saying no to things and

people we hold dear. I'm trying to find a balance: Stay up late if a kid wants to bond over midnight bread baking, but head to bed a little earlier than usual the next night. Pick one morning a week to set the alarm ridiculously early, but limit it to one morning only. Take an unapologetic nap on the weekend.

A bout with serious illness can be clarifying. It can shake us awake to some of our lousy habits or remind us how fleeting this one life is or inspire us to stop taking time for granted or a little bit of all of those things. That was COVID-19 for me.

But we shouldn't have to hit a low point before we prioritize our health. In case no one has told you lately, you deserve good things.

You deserve to sleep. You deserve to reclaim your rest and bathe your brain of toxins and know what it feels like to walk around without the fog of exhaustion hanging over every one of your encounters. Your people deserve you at your best-rested.

That secret garden of time? It's a mirage. That email? It can wait. Twitter? It's a cesspool. Go to bed. You are so much more than you produce or sell or solve. Your heart and mind need rest, and they need you to grant it to them.

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YANKEES

Boone re-signed to new 3-year deal

By Kristie Ackert New York Daily News

NEW YORK — After nearly two weeks of looking at what went wrong with the 2021 season, the Yankees have decided that it wasn't Aaron Boone's fault.

The manager had his expiring contract extended for three years with an option for 2025, the team announced Tuesday morning.

"Aaron Boone was part of the solution and wasn't the problem," Yankees general manager Brian

Brian Cashman admits Yankees have problems but is short on solutions. Page 2

Cashman said on a teleconference call Tuesday. "I think Aaron brings a lot of great qualities."

Cashman pointed to Boone's "great baseball mind" and his "ability to connect, to communicate, to be open-minded."

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ALCS GAME 4



WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

The Red Sox's Xander Bogaerts watches his two-run home run against the Astros during the first inning in Game 4 of the ALCS on Tuesday in Boston. The game ended too late for this edition. For complete coverage, go to courant.com/sports.

ALCS RED SOX

Offense hitting historic stride at just right time

By Alex Speier Boston Globe

BOSTON - What on earth has gotten into the Red Sox offense?

The team's October eruption continued in Game 3 of the American League Championship Series on Monday. The Sox remained disciplined while punishing Astros starter José Urquidy for six runs in the second inning, seeing 46 pitches from the righthander before forcing him from the game after five

While the signature blow in *Turn to ALCS, Page 2*

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the 12-3 victory over the Astros which gave the Sox a 2-1 lead in the series — was Kyle Schwarber's grand slam, it was an 11-pitch walk by Alex Verdugo (the longest at-bat Urquidy has ever endured in his major league career) that set the rally in motion.

Such complementary displays have become a staple of a Red Sox

UCONN BASKETBALL BIG EAST MEDIA DAY

Big expectations, big pressure

Huskies picked to finish second in conference by coaches, still chasing 'gold standard' Villanova

WOMEN

Bueckers, preseason player of the year, feels more internal burdens, external forces than ever before

By Dom Amore Hartford Courant

NEW YORK — Villanova remains the team to beat in the Big East Conference, but the UConn men's basketball team is closing

Villanova was picked to finish first in the Big East and UConn second in the conference's preseason coaches' poll, announced Monday at Big East media day at Madison Square Garden.

'Villanova's the game that's circled on our calendar," UConn guard Tyrese Martin said. "Coach [Dan Hurley] knows Villanova's the gold standard, and he says things like that to fuel our fire.

"Bringing them up in practice, it gets guys angry in a way, like 'why are you talking about them?' [It's] a good anger."

Martin and teammate R.J. Cole were picked for the Big East's preseason all-conference second team, with UConn's Adama Sanogo an honorable mention.

Villanova, ranked fourth in the Associated Press poll, has won or shared the Big East regular-season title in seven of the last eight seasons. UConn. which left the American Athletic Conference to rejoin old rivals in the new Big East last season, finished third behind the Wildcats and Creighton.

The use of Villanova as a measuring stick goes back to January 2018, when the Huskies began a threegame nonconference series. Villanova won by 20, then beat the Huskies by 23 at Madison Square Garden in December of 2018 in Hurley's first season.

"When we saw them here in Year 1, it was real wake-up call as to how far away we were," Hurley

The last two years, the Huskies have been within single digits. They next play at Villanova on Feb. 5 with a rematch at the XL Center on Feb. 22.

"It just looks like the classic building of a program," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "UConn has come back each year with Danny, and you could see his fingerprints are on the team.

"I remember his teams from Wagner and Rhode Island, and you're seeing it at a higher level. You can see the culture being built. The higher the level, it's harder to do, but I see it happening very similar to every stop he's been at."

The Huskies are closing the gap with a strong recruiting class, which includes Jordan Hawkins,

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It came as no surprise that UConn sophomore Paige Bueckers was voted the unanimous Big East preseason player of the year at the conference media day on Tuesday. Bueckers, along with Christyn Williams, Olivia Nelson-Ododa and Aaliyah Edwards were all named to the first team. COURANT FILE



UConn guard R.J. Cole was named to the Big East preseason second team with teammate Tyrese Martin. The Huskies also were picked to finish second in the conference behind Villanova. COURANT FILE

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■ Overwhelming No.1 in preseason poll

■ Paige Bueckers preseason player of the year

■ Christyn Williams, Olivia Nelson-Ododa and Aaliyah Edwards named to first team

■ No. 2 in preseason poll behind Villanova

■ Tyrese Martin and R.J. Cole named to preseason second

■ Adama Sanogo named honorable mention

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■ A look at all the preseason honors for men, women. Page 4 **By Alexa Philippou** Hartford Courant

NEW YORK — As the Big East announced its preseason conference awards Tuesday, which the UConn women's basketball team dominated, coach Geno Auriemma sent his players a quote from Milwaukee Bucks champion Giannis Antetokounmpo.

"[He was] talking about all the awards he's gotten and all the accolades that he's gotten and how they mean nothing to him," Auriemma said to media at Madison Square Garden during Big East media day. "He just wants to get better. Because 'I know if I get better, all the other stuff is coming.

No one on Auriemma's team, which was ranked No. 1 in the conference preseason poll, exemplifies that more than the unanimous Big East preseason player of the year Paige Bueckers, who last season as a freshman took home every major national award for which she was eligible:

"She knows if she just keeps getting better every day," Auriemma said, "anything she's ever wanted is going to be there."

So what does Bueckers want heading into the 2021-22 campaign, a year after she skyrocketed into basketball fame as a freshman sensation? It has less to do with anything individually and everything to do with winning a national championship.

"The only thing I'm thinking about from last season was the fact that we came up short," Bueckers said, surrounded by local and national reporters for the first time since taking the court as a Husky. "So I think that's been motivating me all summer and still motivating us all now."

But as she goes about the goal, she'll have more eyes on her than ever before, and according to Auriemma, more internal pressure than she experienced last season despite UConn likely having a deeper team.

"I think the pressure that she puts on herself this year is going to be even greater than it was last year," he said. "I know that. I can see it in practice already."

Auriemma said that Bueckers, the No. 1 recruit of the Class of 2020 and someone people have described as potentially "generational," is the sort of kid who's tired of the attention before it even comes. Despite being a freshman last year, the guard from Hopkins, Minn., was asked to carry a heavy

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"If he was entering the free-agent market, I believe he'd be the No.1 managerial candidate in baseball. He's been a good hire."

The new deal was not a surprise, considering that Boone had the support of the players. Cashman and managing partner Hal Steinbrenner made a point to say that it was not Boone's fault when the team was floundering in early July.

Perhaps the length of the contract, which is the same as his last one and exceeds Cashman's own contract by at least two years, was surprising. Cashman said Tuesday there was no update on his contract, but a team source said they expect him to be extended at some point in the coming months.

"We have a person and manager in Aaron Boone who possesses the baseball acumen and widespread respect in our clubhouse to continue to guide us forward," Steinbrenner said in a statement released by the team. "As a team and an organization, we must grow, evolve and improve. We need to get better, period.

'I know Aaron fully embraces our expectations of success, and I look forward to drawing on his intelligence, instincts and leadership in pursuit of our next World Series championship."

Boone said the same thing about the Yankees needing to improve after they were crushed by the Red Sox in the American League wildcard game two weeks ago.

"I don't want to just say we need to get better; that's obvious," Boone said. "I think it's important to acknowledge that. I do feel like we do have the people



Yankees manager Aaron Boone watches from the dugout during a game against the Mets on Sept. 12 in New York.

in place to get it done, [but] there's got to be tweaks. There's got to be adjust-

Boone said the Yankees are not in a position to tear down and rebuild like other teams because "Yankee fans deserve" postseason hopes every year. He did admit they will look at how they constructed their roster, saying this year the Yankees weren't as athletic or contact-oriented as they would like to be.

'We'll evaluate what's available and how those pieces may fit," Boone said.

The Yankees went 50-29 in their final 79 games of the regular season, dating to July 6 and around the time Steinbrenner spoke. That was the fourth-best record in the majors during that span, trailing only the Giants (54-24), Dodgers (53-24) and Rays (51-26).

Of course, at the time he backed Boone, Steinbrenner also said it wasn't the coaching staff's fault either. But the Yankees ended last week with the decision to part ways with hitting coaches Marcus Thames and P.J. Pilittere and thirdbase coach Phil Nevin.

Those moves were seen as another step to get the on-field baseball operations management more in line with the organization's focus on analytics.

Boone was hired after the 2017 loss in the AL Championship Series as someone who would cooperate with the front office and analytics department, and as a former player he could help translate that information down to help the players use it on a daily basis.

Boone, 48, is 328-218 in four seasons as the Yankees manager, his first four managing at any level. He is just the second manager in baseball history to reach the postseason in each of his first four years managing, joining Mike Matheny (2012-15 with St. Louis).

He is the third manager to make the playoffs in each of his first four seasons with the Yankees, joining Casey Stengel (five from 1949-53) and Joe Torre (12 from 1996-2007). Boone's 328 career managerial wins rank ninth on the Yankees' all-time list, behind Joe McCarthy (1,460-867), Torre (1,173-767), Stengel (1,149-696), Miller Huggins (1,067-719), Ralph Houk (944-806), Joe Girardi (910-710), Billy Martin (556-385) and Clark Griffith (419-370).

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RED SOX NTOES

Martinez believes ankle injury has been a blessing

By Alex Speier Boston Globe

BOSTON - When J.D.Martinez returned to the lineup for Game 2 of the ALDS against the Rays despite a left ankle sprain, the effort seemed valiant vet the results unknowable. Would he be able to hold his own as a middle-of-the-order presence? The Red Sox were sufficiently concerned that they dropped the slugger to sixth in the order in case he needed to be lifted for a pinch hitter.

Seven games later, the Sox and Martinez have an answer. Not only can he perform despite the ankle injury, but it actually helped him to get his swing to arguably its best state of the season.

"I think it kind of helped me, honestly," Martinez said.

The numbers back the claim. He entered Tuesday's Game 4 of the ALCS against the Astros hitting .423/.464/.846 with three homers while driving in 10 in six games. He's been consistently squaring the ball while limiting strikeouts, having fanned in just four of 28 plate appearances.

Humble pie: When

manager Alex Cora scolded Eduardo Rodriguez for taunting Astros star Carlos Correa by pointing to an invisible watch on his wrist following a sixth-inning ground out mimicry of a gesture Correa made after a homer in Houston — he encouraged his lefthander to stay humble.

On Tuesday, Cora clarified that he didn't think his pitcher needed to apologize to Correa and that he wants his team to celebrate and show emotion on the field. He simply didn't want one of his players to appropriate an opponent's gesture.

"It's not about him doing what Correa did. It's about what we do," said Cora.

Back to his old self: Righthander Garrett Whitlock appears to have bounced back from his late-season pectoral strain, allowing one run in 6 1/3 innings (1.42 ERA) while holding hitters to 1 for 20 in four postseason games. The performance is all the more remarkable given that Whitlock, in his first season since Tommy John surgery in late 2019, is pitching a much longer season than he'd ever previously experienced. In the minors, he'd never pitched beyond August.

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postseason run that now has the team just two wins from a World Series berth. The team is amassing walks and opposite-field hits in front of homers to create a wrecking ball offense.

To be sure, Boston has been playing a historic brand of powerball. The 20 homers in this run are tied for the most in franchise history for a single postseason, and also tied the big league record for the most by any team through eight playoff games.

But the team's 57 runs through eight playoff games - 7.1 runs per contest, tied for the third-most ever through eight postseason games — have been the product of an offense that is suddenly versatile and dangerous.

"Offensively this is the best we've been the whole season," said manager Alex Cora. "They're locked in right now."

The performance has been as unexpected as it has been dazzling. After all, the Red Sox limped through the final days of the regular season, looking as vulnerable as they had at any point this season while struggling to score against the Orioles and Nationals, two of the worst pitching staffs in the big leagues. Now, the switch has flipped.

"During the season, it comes and goes. It's hard to be on top and be so focused night after night," said hitting coach Tim Hyers. "It's really, really difficult. It doesn't mean they didn't care. It was just up and down. There's two weeks where we were nailing it as a group and then a couple of weeks where maybe we lacked a little bit. But that's human nature. It's going to happen.

"Guys are focused [in the playoffs]. They know what it takes. They know that winning 90 feet, just getting on base is a rally in the playoffs. They know that scoring those runs early and making sure you're focused early really helps. So I think it's just a more focused group." The team is - to borrow

an oft-used phrase — passing the baton. The team is fighting off two-strike counts for walks, shooting line drives up the middle and to the opposite field through shifts. putting the ball in play in key situations, and generally finding ways to keep the bases at high occupancy so that extra-base hits turn into multiple runs and homers turn into bonanzas.

Amazingly, Schwarber's grand slam was the third in two games for the Sox - setting a record for any team in a single postseason. The four-run homers don't happen without great at-bats in front of the crowning shots.

In this case, Schwarber's grand slam was preceded by five straight batters reaching base with one out: Verdugo's 11-pitch walk, a J.D. Martinez double, a Hunter Renfroe walk, a Christian Vázquez opposite-field single for one run, a Christian Arroyo groundball kicked away by Astros second baseman José Altuve for another, and finally, on a 3-0 pitch. Schwarber's blast.

Notice anything missing from that succession of events? There were no strikeouts. In fact, the Sox struck out just seven times, continuing a recent trend.

The team entered Monday with a 19.6 percent strikeout rate in the playoffs - lower than its 22.6 percent regular season rate, and the lowest by far of any team in the postseason this year. (The Dodgers ranked second, at 21.7 percent.) Members of the team

suggest that the pregame meetings of hitters and coaching staffs have been particularly lively and focused. The gatherings in which Martinez, Schwarber, Kiké Hernández, and members of the coaching staff serve as prominent voices — break down opposing starters in precise detail: What the ball looks like coming out of his hand, how certain pitches move, tendencies in specific

YANKEES COMMENTARY

Cashman admits club has some problems but is short on solutions

By Dennis Young New York Daily News

NEW YORK - Watching Brian Cashman's press conference Tuesday was a lot like the experience of watching his Yankees for the last two years. It was at times infuriating, even enraging, for a Yankees fan to hear Cashman talk about the flawed roster as if it was something he passively inherited rather than one he built with hundreds of millions of dollars of backing. At other times, well, Cash made some very good points.

The GM acknowledged the bizarre reality he's created. "This was a year that I would say might be my toughest," he said. "This particular year, I feel like ... it was my toughest year, trying to understand, trying to figure out what ails us. It was somewhat of a Jekyll/Hyde. At times, looked unstoppable, but at many other times, unwatchable, because of the streakiness and lack of

Cashman made rare admissions about flaws in the Yankees' philosophy, but in the same breath would question if they were flaws at all. And the thing is, Dr. Cashman and Mr. Cashman are both right, in their way. "We're not as athletic as we'd like to be or as contact-oriented as we'd like to be," he said, acknowledging the fan base's long-standing frustrations with the team's strikeout habit and questionable fielding and baserunning.

"People talk about our strikeouts, and we strike out too much, and we need more contact, which is true." he said, "At the same time, we didn't strike out as much as the American League's best record, the Tampa Bay Rays, who struck out more that we did." (The Rays struck out an AL-leading 1,596 times; the Yankees were fourth in the AL with 1,482.) It's a fair comparison, as it was when Cashman raised the point that the team that they tied with in the regular season, the Boston Red Sox, currently appears to be rampaging its way towards a title.

Cashman was less willing to hear two other common criticisms of this era of Yankees teams: That they are supposedly too reliant on information, and that the Steinbrenner family hasn't committed enough money to the payroll. On the first, he is self-evidently correct, to some extent. The teams lording it over the Yankees — the Astros, Red Sox, Rays and Dodgers — have massive and influential analytics departments. The question with the Yankees is far too often the idiotic "are they too reliant on analytics" instead of "are they using their analytics to come up with the right plan?" Cashman defended his much-maligned employees and bosses on Tuesday.

"I think we have a very strong, sound process," the GM said. "I think our analytics department is very good at what they do. ... I think they serve us extremely well, and they'll continue to be pushing their narratives," he said. "It's not affecting us anywhere near in the adverse way that the public perception seems to be....Analytics have served us extremely well to get us to this level, to maintain and put us in a position to have success, just like hiring the best pro scouts has, trying to hire the best amateur scouts has...The Yankees should use every tool in the toolbox."

He was even more strident about the Yankees' financial commitments, which appeared to hurt the team on the margins this year.

"I don't believe it's fair, from my chair, that people don't think he's all in, or they're all in," he said of Hal Steinbrenner and his family. "I hate to say it, but how dare anybody question when somebody commits that amount of dollars," he said.

The Yankees did spend an eye-popping \$203 million on players this year, second in MLB. But the \$64 million gap between them and the Dodgers — the only team over the luxury tax — is the same as the gap between the Yankees and a league-average

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Walker's debut is also his Celtics revenge game

By Stefan Bondy New York Daily News

NEW YORK — It's a homecoming and a revenge game in one.

The Knicks season opener Wednesday is all about their starting point guard, Kemba Walker, who was traded by the opponent in a salary dump just four months

Walker, who was once billed as the point guard to bring the Celtics into title contention, said Tuesday he was surprised by the trade but understood it was about his injuries. Now he's charged with piloting the Knicks as the local hero, starting against those hated Celt-

"Does it matter [that we're play-

ing the Celtics]? Of course. It's my old team," Walker said. "But I don't go into any game thinking I wanna lose, you know? So, I definitely wanna win. Does it make it that much better that it's my old team? Yeah, no question."

For good reason, Walker should get the loudest ovation during lineup introductions. The Bronx's own has starred at MSG from high school through college. He's also the big-name acquisition heading into one of the more anticipated Knicks seasons of the last decade-

Add to that the storyline of a supposedly fading former All-Star who was dumped by the team he's facing in the opener.

"I wasn't expecting to get

traded," Walker said. "I've never been expected to be traded from a team, especially just because of the person I am and the kind of teammate I am, but obviously it's not about that. It's about what you bring to the table, and I wasn't there all the time on the court [because of a balky knee]. So obviously, that was an issue. So, I guess that's why it didn't work."

Unlike the Celtics, who two years ago gave Walker a \$141 million contract, the Knicks aren't placing too many Kemba eggs in their basket. They signed the 31-year-old after a buyout to a reasonable two-year, \$18 million deal, and their backup point guard options are aplenty, with Derrick Rose, Alec Burks and Immanuel

But for the Knicks to improve on last season's 41-31 mark, Walker will undoubtedly need to provide positive contributions. He underwhelmed in preseason while averaging 10 points and shooting under 40%, acknowledging Tuesday that new circumstances beget growing pains.

"It's gonna take time. Some nights gonna be better than others," Walker said. "Some nights gonna be good up until we get that chemistry going."

Health, however, isn't a problem. At least not yet. Walker's arthritic knee prompted the Celtics to rest him on in back-to-back games last season, but he reiterated there's no such plan with the Knicks.

"I'm feeling really good," Walker said. "I've been available. I've been here. I've been here all practices. I've been able to play in all the preseason games. They rested me for the one. But as far as back to backs, just trying to take it game by game just depending on how I'm feeling, but it's not like I'm not playing back to backs. That's not my thought process."

For Walker, Wednesday is an opportunity for first impressions with the Knicks and lasting impressions with the Celtics.

"It's not just because it's against Boston, but also because I'm from here and I'm in a Knick uniform," Walker said. "That's definitely gonna just make it 10 times more special."

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a-struck out for Schwarber in the 7th. b-flied out for Brantley in the 8th. E: Altuve (2), Maldonado (1), LOB: Houston 2, Boston 5. 2B: Martinez (1)

HR: Tucker (1), off Rodriguez: Schwarber (1), off Urquidy; Arroyo (1), off Garcia; Martinez (2), off Maton; Devers (2), off Stanek. RBIs: Tucker 3(4), Vazquez 2(2), Arroyo 3(3), Schwarber 4(4), Martinez 2(6),

Runners left in scoring position: Houston 0; Boston 3(Verdugo 2, Vazquez).

RISP: Houston 1for 2: Boston 3for 7. GIDP: Altuve, Gurriel. DP: Boston 2 (Bogaerts, Arroyo, Schwarber; Devers, Arrovo, Dalbec). HOUSTON IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Urquidy, L, 0-1	12/3	5	6	5	2	1	27.00
Garcia	11/3	3	3	3	1	1	9.00
B.Taylor	1	1	0	0	1	1	0.00
	12/3	0	1	1	1	1	3.86
Maton	11/3	1	1	1	0	1	3.86
Stanek	1	1	1	1	0	2	3.86
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BOSTON Rodriguez, W, 1-0	6 1 1		3	3	0	7	ERA 4.50

Inherited runners-scored: Garcia 2-0. Maton 1-1. **WP:** Garcia. **Umpires:** Home Bill Miller; First, Dan lassogna; Second Jim Wolf; Third, Alan Porter; Right, Rob Drake: Left, Dave Rackley T: 3:16. **A:** 37,603(37,755).

SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	TI	PTS	GF	G/
New England	20	4	6	66	59	36
Nashville	11	3	15	48	46	26
Philadelphia	12	7	10	46	40	29
Orlando City	12	8	9	45	42	41
Atlanta	11	9	9	42	39	33
D.C. United	12	12	5	41	49	4:
CF Montréal	11	10	8	41	42	39
New York City FC		11	7	40	44	33
New York	11		7	40	35	30
Columbus	10	12	7	37	36	39
Inter Miami CF	9	15	5	32	25	
Chicago	7	16	7	28	31	48
Toronto FC	6	16	7	25	34	56
Cincinnati	4		8	20	29	55
WESTERN	W	L	TI	PTS	GF	G/
Seattle	17	6	6	57	49	25
Sporting KC	15	7	7	52	52	33
Colorado	14	6	9	51	42	3.
Portland	14	11	4	46	46	46
Real Salt Lake		11	6	42	48	45
LA Galaxy	12	11	6	42	41	46
Minnesota United	11	10	8	41	32	35
Vancouver	10	9	10	40	37	39
Los Angeles FC		12	7	37	43	42
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San Jose					~=	46
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WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES

Chicago at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m. CF Montréal at Orlando City, 7:30p.m. New York City FC at Atlanta, 7:30p.m. New England at D.C. United, 7:30p.m. Toronto FC at Miami, 7:30p.m. Los Angeles FC at FC Dallas, 8p.m. Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8p.m. Columbus at Nashville, 8:30p.m. LA Galaxy at Houston, 8:30p.m. Seattle at Colorado, 9p.m. Vancouver at Portland, 10p.m. Austin FC at San Jose, 10:30p.m.

W	L	TE	PTS	GF	GA
13	6	4	43	33	17
12	8	3	39	34	24
10	7	6	36	28	26
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8	5	8	32	26	18
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Gotham FC at Kansas City, 8p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE Arsenal vs. Aston Villa, 3p.m. SATURDAY'S MATCHES Chelsea vs. Norwich, 7:30a.m. Crystal Palace vs. Newcastle, 10a.m. Everton vs. Watford, 10a.m. Leeds vs. Wolverhampton, 10a.m. Southampton vs. Burnley, 10a.m. Brighton vs. Man City, 12:30p.m.

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE Wed: vs. South Korea, 8 p.m., at Children's Mercy Park, Kansas City, Kan. Oct. 26: vs. South Korea, 8 p.m., at Allianz Field, St. Paul, Minn.

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Albies 2b	5	ī	1	Ō	1	.308
Riley 3b Pederson rf	4	1	1	0	3 1	.364
Duvall cf		1	2 2 0	2	2	.273
d'Arnaud c	5 3	0	ō	0	0	.11
Swanson ss	4	0	2	1	1	.273
Morton p b-Camargo p		0	0	0	2	.000
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Jackson p Chavez p	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	36	5	12	5	12	
LA Dodgers	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVC
Betts rf	3	1	2	1	0	.300
Seager ss T.Turner 2b	4	1	1	2	3 1	.250
Smith c	5	1	2	0	1	.36
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Kelly p d-Pujols ph Phillips p Gonsolin p f-Beaty ph

Jansen p

ATLANTA

c-flied out for Lux in the 6th. d-pinch hit for Kelly in the 6th. e-grounded out for Matzek in the 8th. f-grounded out for Gonsolin in the 8th. **LOB**: Atlanta 10, Los Angeles 10. **2B**: Riley (2), Betts (1). **HR:** Seager (2), off Morton; Bellinger (1), off Jackson. **RBIs:** Pederson (3), Duvall 2 (2), Swanson

(1), Rosario (2), Seager 2 (4), Bellinger 3 (3), Betts (1). SB: Betts (3), Albies (2), Taylor (3). Runners left in scoring position: Atlanta 4 (Freeman 2, d'Ar-naud, Albies 2); Los Angeles 5 (Taylor 2. T.Turner, Smith 2), RISP: Atlanta 4 for 11; Los Angeles 3 for 7. Runners moved up: Pederson, Beaty. LIDP: Albies. GIDP: d'Arnaud, J.Turner, DP: Atlanta 1 (Albies, Freeman); Los Angeles 3 (Lux, T.Turner, Lux; Seager, T.Turner, Bellinger; J.Turner, T.Turner, Bellinger).

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ALLANIA	•••	•••	•••				
Morton	5	3	2	2	6	5	3.60
Minter, H, 1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
Matzek, H, 1	1	0	0	0	0	2	6.00
Jackson, L, 0-1,	1/3	4	4	4	0	0	21.60
BS, 0							
Chavez	2/3	2	0	0	1	0	0.00
LA DODGERS	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Buehler	32/3	7	4	4	3	3	9.82
Vesia	1/3	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Knebel	1/3	1	1	1	1	0	13.50
Bickford	2/3	2	0	0	0	0	0.00
Bruihl	2/3	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
Kelly	1/3	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Phillips	12/3	1	0	0	2	3	0.00
Gonsolin, W, 1-0	1/3	0	0	0	0	0	4.50
Jansen, S, 1-1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0.00
Inherited runne	ers-s	con	ed:	Cha	vez	1-1,	
Vesia 3-0, Bickfo	ord 2	2-1,	Bru	ihl 1	-0, ŀ	Celly	1
2-0, Gonsolin 2-	0. IB	B: o	ff C	hav	ez (Sea	ger).
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NBA		w	EDNESDAY
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Chicago	4	(220)	at Detroit
at Charlotte	2	(2241/2)	Indiana
at New York	11/2	(218)	Bostor
at Toronto	21/2	(218)	Washingtor
at Minnesota	51/2	(2271/2)	Houstor
at Memphis	71/2	$(216\frac{1}{2})$	Cleveland
Philadelphia	31/2	(226)	at New Orl
at San Antonio	51/2	(2121/2)	Orlando
at Utah	12	(221)	Okla. City
at Phoenix	6	(2231/2)	Denve
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Lance Barksdale: 3B, Todd Tichenor: RF.

Jordan Baker; LF, Tripp Gibson. T: 4:14. **A:** 51,307 (56,000).

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COLLEGE FOR FAVORITE Co. Carolina	SP	O/U	UNDERDO
		,	THURSDAY
at SMU	13½ 18		Tulan
La-Lafayette FAU	7	(70) a	t Arkansas St at Charlott
San Jose St.	5	(461/2)	at UNL
			FRIDA
Mid. Tenn.	151/2		at UCon
at UCF Colorado St.	11/2	(63)	Memphi
	3½ 18		at Otan Stati
washington	10	(43)	SATURDAY
	231/2	(51) N	Vorthwester
at Penn State	231/2	$(46\frac{1}{2})$	Illinoi
	71/2	(49)	at ivav
at Florida St. E. Michigan	35 3	(59½)	UMas t Bowl. Gree
Oklahoma	381/2		at Kansa
at Texas Tech	1	$(60\frac{1}{2})$	Kansas St
at C. Michigan	5	(57½) (52½)	N. Illinoi
Wake Forest ArkPine Bluff	3	(521/2)	at Arm
	31/2		at Arkansa Svracus
Kent State	51/2	(661/2)	
at Georgia St.	101/2	(601/3)	Texas State
Wisconsin	3	(40)	at Purdu
at California	9	(43)	Colorad
at Minnesota at UCLA	5	(501/2)	at Purdu Colorad Marylan Orego
BYU	41/2	$(55\frac{1}{2})$	at Wash. St
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at California	9	(43)	Colorado
at Minnesota	5	$(54\frac{1}{2})$	Maryland
at UCLA	5 2	$(59\frac{1}{2})$	Oregon
BYU	41/2	$(55\frac{1}{2})$	
Buffalo	11	(57)	at Akron
at Ball State	51/2	(511/2)	Miami (Ohio)
at Mississippi	91/2	$(75\frac{1}{2})$	LSÚ
at Iowa State	7		Oklahoma St.
W. Michigan	21/2	(55)	at Toledo
at Pittsburgh	3	(48)	Clemson
at Wyoming	20		New Mexico
at UAB	23	(45)	Rice
at Houston	13	(58)	E. Carolina
Mississippi St.		(51)	at Vanderbilt
at Louisville	61/2	(57)	Boston Coll.
Liberty	211/2	(601/2)	
at Alabama	251/2	(67)	Tennessee
at S. Florida	21/2	(56½)	
S. Alabama	131/2		t LaMonroe
at Air Force	31/2	(40)	S. Diego St.
UTSA	7	(60)	at La. Tech
W. Kentucky	15	(761/2)	
at Fresno State		(65)	Nevada
at Texas A&M	21	(45)	S. Carolina
Ohio State	20	(60)	at Indiana
Utah	3	$(56\frac{1}{2})$	at Oregon St.
at Notre Dame	61/2	$(57\frac{1}{2})$	USC
NC State	3	(511/2)	
at TCU	41/2	$(57\frac{1}{2})$	W. Virginia
at Virginia	7	(62)	Ga. Tech
at Hawaii	18	$(59\frac{1}{2})$	N. Mexico St.
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NFL WEEK 7			THURSDAY
FAVORITE	SP	O/U	UNDERDO
at Cleveland	31/2	$(42\frac{1}{2})$	Denve
			SUNDAY
Carolina	3	(43)	at NY Giant
at New Englan	d 7	$(42\frac{1}{2})$	NY Jet
Kansas City	51/2		at Tennesse
at Green Bay	91/2	(49)	Washingto
at Miami	21/2	$(47\frac{1}{2})$	Atlant
at Baltimore	6	(47)	Cincinnat
at LA Rams	15	$(50\frac{1}{2})$	Detroi
at Las Vegas	3	(49)	Philadelphi
at Arizona	171/2		Housto
at Tampa Bay	121/2		Chicag
at San Fran.	31/2	(44)	Indianapoli
			MONDAY
New Orleans	5	(431/ ₂)	at Seattle

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New York	0	0	.000	
Toronto	0	0	.000	_
Boston	0	0	.000	_
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	_
Brooklyn	0	0	.000	-
SOUTHEAST	w	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	0	0	.000	_
Charlotte	0	0	.000	_
Miami	0	0	.000	_
Orlando	0	0	.000	_
Washington	0	0	.000	-
CENTRAL	w	L	PCT	GB
Cleveland	0	0	.000	_
Chicago	0	0	.000	_
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	_
Indiana	0	0	.000	_
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0 0 0 0 L.A. Clippers TUESDAY'S RESULTS Brooklyn at Milwaukee, late Golden State at L.A. Lakers, late

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WEDNESDAY'S GAMES Chicago at Detroit, 7p.m. Indiana at Charlotte, 7p.m Boston at New York, 7:30p.m. Washington at Toronto, 7:30p.m. Cleveland at Memphis, 8p.m. Houston at Minnesota, 8p.m. Philadelphia at New Orleans, 8p.m. Orlando at San Antonio, 8:30p.m. Oklahoma City at Utah, 9p.m. Denver at Phoenix, 10p.m. Sacramento at Portland, 10p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Subject to change)
WEDNESDAY'S GAME

Co. Carolina (6-0) at App St. (4-2), 7:30 p.m. THURSDAY'S GAMES

FAU (3-3) at Charlotte (4-2), 7:30p.m. Tulane (1-5) at SMU (6-0), 7:30p.m. La-Lafayette (5-1) at Ark. St. (1-5), 7:30 p.m. San Jose St. (3-4) at UNLV (0-6), 11p.m. FRIDAY'S GAMES

Columbia (4-1) at Dartmouth (5-0), 6 p.m. Mid. Tenn. (2-4) at Uconn (1-7), 6p.m. Memphis (4-3) at UCF (3-3), 7p.m. Colo, St. (3-3) at Utah St. (4-2), 9:30p.m. Wash. (2-4) at Arizona (0-6), 10:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Wake Forest (6-0) at Army (4-2), noon Cincinnati (6-0) at Navy (1-5), noon Illinois (2-5) at Penn St. (5-1), noon Bryant (4-3) at Wagner (0-6), noon Morehead St. (4-2) at Marist (3-2), noon Duquesne (4-1) at Sacred Heart (4-3), noon LIU Brooklyn (0-5) at CCSU (1-5), noon Penn (2-3) at Yale (2-3), noon Harvard (5-0) at Princeton (5-0), 1p.m. Maine (2-4) at Albany (NY) (0-6), 1p.m. Georgetown (1-4) at Bucknell (1-5), 1 p.m. Brown (1-4) at Cornell (1-4), 1p.m. Norfolk St. (4-2) at Howard (2-4), 1p.m. Lehigh (0-6) at Fordham (4-3), 1p.m. NC Cent. (2-4) at Morgan St. (0-6), 1 p.m. SC St. (2-4) at Delaware St. (3-3), 2p.m. J. Madison (5-1) at Delaware (3-3), 3 p.m. Richmond (2-4) at St. Brook (2-5), 3:30 p.m. Rh. Island (5-1) at Villanova (5-1), 3:30 p.m.

Clemson (4-2) at Pittsburgh (5-1), 3:30 p.m. Colgate (2-5) vs. Holy Cross (4-2) in Worcester, Mass., 5p.m. South Umass (1-5) at Florida St. (2-4), noon Syracuse (3-4) at Va. Tech (3-3), 12:30 p.m. New Hamp. (3-3) at Elon (3-3), 1p.m. In. Word (5-1) at McNeese St. (2-4), 1 p.m.

in. Word (5-1) at McNeese St. (2-4), 1 p.m. S. Diego (3-4) at Presbyterian (2-4), 1 p.m. S. Diego (3-4) at Presbyterian (2-4), 1 p.m. Chattanooga (3-3) at Samford (3-3), 1 p.m. Robert Morris (2-3) at Gardner-Webb (2-4), 1:30p.m.

NC A&T (3-3) at Hampton (2-4), 2p.m. Bethman-Cookman (0-7) at Jackson State (5-1), 2p.m.

ETSU (6-1) at Furman (4-2), 2p.m.

W. Carolina (0-6) at The Citadel (2-4), 2 p.m. Lynchburg (0-3) at Tenn. Tech (2-5), 2 p.m. Lynchburg (0-3) at Tenn. Tech (2-5), 2 p.m. SE Mo. (2-5) at UT Martin (5-1), 3p.m. SE Mo. (2-5) at UT Martin (5-1), 3p.m. LSU (4-3) at Mississippi (5-1), 3:30p.m. Towson (3-3) at Wm & Mary (4-2), 3:30p.m. Towson (3-3) at Wm & Mary (4-2), 3:30p.m. SE La. (5-1) at NW St. (1-5), 4p.m. SE La. (5-1) at NW St. (1-5), 4p.m. Kennesaw (5-1) at Campbell (3-3), 4 p.m. Horida A&M (4-2) at MVSU (2-4), 4p.m. Miss. St. (3-3) at Vanderbilt (2-5), 4p.m. Wofford (1-5) at Mercer (4-2), 6p.m. UTSA (7-0) at La. Tech (2-4), 7 p.m. Paririe View (5-1) at Southern (3-3), 7 p.m. Temple (3-3) at S. Florida (1-5), 7 p.m.

Temple (3-3) at 5. Florida (1-5), 7p.m. W. Kentucky (2-4) at FIU (1-5), 7p.m. Tennessee (4-3) at Alabama (6-1), 7 p.m. S. Alabama (4-2) at La-Monroe (3-3), 7 p.m. Ga. Tech (3-3) at Virginia (5-2), 7:30p.m. NC State (5-1) at Miami (2-4), 7:30p.m.

E. Mich. (4-3) at Bowl. Green (2-5), noon N. Illinois (5-2) at C. Mich. (4-3), noon Northwestern (3-3) at Michigan (6-0), noon Oklahoma (7-0) at Kansas (1-5), Noon Youngstown St. (2-3) at Ind. St. (3-4), 1 p.m. Stetson (2-4) at Drake (2-5), 1p.m. Kent St. (3-4) at Ohio (1-6), 1p.m. Dayton (3-3) at Valparaiso (1-5), 1p.m. Davidson (4-1) at Butler (2-5), 1p.m. Illinois St. (2-4) at S. Dakota (5-2), 2p.m. Wisconsin (3-3) at Purdue (4-2), 3p.m. Tenn. St. (3-3) at E. Illinois (1-6), 3p.m. W. Illinois (1-6) at N. Dakota (2-4), 3p.m N. Iowa (3-3) at S. Dak. St. (5-1), 3p.m. Okla. St. (6-0) at Iowa St. (4-2), 3:30p.m Missouri St. (4-2) at N. Dak. St. (6-0), 3:30 p.m. Miami (Oh) (3-4) at Ball St. (4-3), 3:30 p.m. Buffalo (3-4) at Akron (2-5), 3:30p.m. W. Mich. (5-2) at Toledo (3-4), 3:30p.m. Maryland (4-2) at Minnesota (4-2), 3:30 p.m. USC (3-3) at Notre Dame (5-1), 7:30p.m.

Maryland (4-2) at Minnesota (4-2), 3:30 p.m. USC (3-3) at Notre Dame (5-1), 7:30p.m. Ohio St. (5-1) at Indiana (2-4), 7:30p.m. Southwest
Ark.-Pine Bluff (1-5) vs. Arkansas (4-3) in Little Rock, Ark., noon
Kansas St. (3-3) at Tex. Tech (5-2), noon Jacksonville St. (3-3) at SHS (5-0), 3p.m. Liberty (5-2) at North Texas (1-5), 4p.m. E. Carolina (3-3) at Houston (5-1), 4p.m. E. Carolina (3-3) at Houston (5-1), 4p.m. MW St. (0-0) at Tarleton St. (3-3), 7p.m. Nicholls (2-4) at Hou. Bapt. (0-6), 7p.m. Cent. Ark. (2-4) at TcU (3-3), 7:30p.m. S. Carol. (4-3) at Tex. A&M (5-2), 7:30p.m. Alcorn St. (4-2) at Texas So. (2-4), 8p.m. West Idaho St. (1-5) at Mont. St. (6-1), 3p.m. BYU (5-2) at Wash. St. (4-3), 3:30p.m. Oregon (5-1) at UCLA (5-2), 3:30p.m. N. Mexico (2-5) at Wyoming (4-2), 3:30p.m. N. Mexico (2-5) at Wyoming (4-2), 3:30p.m. N. Mexico (2-5) at Wyoming (4-2), 3:30p.m. N. San Dgo St. (6-0) at Air Force (6-1), 7p.m. Utah (4-2) at Oregon St. (4-2), 7:30p.m. N. Colorado (2-4) at Cal. (1-5), 3:30p.m. N. Colorado (2-4) at Cal. (1-5), 3:30p.m. N. Colorado (2-5) at S. Utah (1-6), 8p.m. UC Davis (6-1) at Cal. (1-6), 8p.m. N. Ariz. (3-3) at Sacra. St. (4-2), 9p.m. St. F. Austin (3-3) at Dixie St. (6-6), 9p.m. NIMSU (1-6) at Hawaii (3-4), 11:59p.m.

Colorado Chicago

Arizona

TUESDAY'S RESULTS Buffalo 5, Vancouver 2 San Jose 5, Montrreal 0 Florida 4, Tampa Bay 1 Dallas 2, Pittsburgh 1 (SO) Washington 6, Colorado 3 New Jersey 4, Seattle 2 Columbus at Detroit, late Los Angeles at Nashville, late N.Y. Islanders at Chicago, late Winnipeg at Minnesota, late

conference advance to playoffs.

Anaheim at Edmonton, late WEDNESDAY'S GAMES Boston at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m. St. Louis at Vegas, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS N.Y. Rangers 2, Toronto 1(OT) Philadelphia 6, Seattle 1 Anaheim 3, Calgary 2(OT) St. Louis 7, Arizona 4

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New England	2	4	0	.333	125	127
N.Y. Jets	1	4	0	.200	67	121
Miami	1	5	0	.167	99	177
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Tennessee	4	2	0	.667	166	161
Indianapolis	2	4	0	.333	139	131
Houston	1	5	0	.167	92	172
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.167	116	172
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Philadelphia	2	4	0	.333	137	152
Washington	2	4	0	.333	136	186
N.Y. Giants	1	5	0	.167	114	177
SOUTH	W	L	Т	PCT	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	5	1	0	.833	195	144
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	127	91
Carolina	3	3	0	.500	143	121
Atlanta	2	3	0	.400	105	148
NORTH	W	L	Т	PCT	PF	PA
Green Bay	5	1	0	.833	144	136
Chicago	3	3	0	.500	98	124
Minnesota	3	3	0	.500	147	137
Detroit	0	6	0	.000	109	172
WEST	W	L	Т	PCT	PF	PA
Arizona	6	0	0	1.000	194	109
L.A. Rams	5	1	0	.833	179	127
San Francisco	2	3	0	.400	117	119
Seattle	2	4	0	.333	140	149

WEEK 7 THURSDAY'S GAME

Denver at Cleveland, 8:20p.m. **SUNDAY'S GAME**Atlanta at Miami, 1p.m. Carolina at N.Y. Giants, 1p.m. Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1p.m. Kansas City at Tennessee, 1p.m. N.Y. Jets at New England, 1p.m. Washington at Green Bay, 1p.m. Detroit at L.A. Rams, 4:05p.m. Philadelphia at Las Vegas, 4:05p.m. Chicago at Tampa Bay, 4:25p.m. Houston at Arizona, 4:25p.m. Indianapolis at San Francisco, 8:20p.m. MONDAY'S GAME New Orleans at Seattle, 8:15p.m. Off: Buffalo, Dallas, Jacksonville,

L.A. Chargers, Pittsburgh, Minnesota LATE MONDAY: TENNESSEE 34, BUFFALO 31 3 17 11 0 - 31 0 17 7 10 - 34 Buffalo First Quarter Buf: FG Bass 24, 6:07.

Second Quarter Buf: FG Bass 28, 11:36. Ten: Henry 76run (Bullock kick), 11:20. **Buf:** Diggs 14 pass from Allen (Bass), 7:54. **Ten:** FG Bullock 43, 5:04. Ten: Tannehill 4run (Bullock), 4:23. Buf: Beasley 29 pass from Allen (Bass),:40.

Third Quarter Buf: FG Bass 52, 10:49. Ten: Henry 3run (Bullock), 4:23. Buf: Sweeney 1pass from Allen (Allen pass from Knox),:27. Fourth Quarter Ten: FG Bullock 38, 9:45.

Ten: Henry 13run (Bullock), 3:05. TEAM STATS BUF TEN First downs 417 Total net vards 362 23-82 22-146 335 216 Rushes-yards Passing Punt returns 2-6 1-0 Kickoff returns Interceptions ret. 3-77 1-17 7-132 1-16 Comp-att-int 35-47-1 18-29-1 3-18 0-0 2-46.5 2-53.5 Sacked-yards lost Punts Fumbles-lost 0-0 Penalties-yards
Time of possession 8-60 RUSHING: Buffalo, Singletary 5-27. Allen 9-26, Moss 8-24, McKenzie 1-5. Tennessee, Henry 20-143, Tannehill 2-3. PASSING: Buffalo, Allen 35-47-1-353. Tennessee, Tannehill 18-29-1-216. **RECEIVING:** Buffalo, Diggs 9-89, Beaslev 7-88, Sanders 5-91, Singletary

WTA TENERIFE LADIES OPEN Tuesday in Tenerife, Spain; out-hard WOMEN'S SINGLESROUND OF 32

5-16, Knox 3-25, Davis 2-25, Moss 2-15, McKenzie 1-3, Sweeney 1-1. Tennessee,

brook-Ikhine 3-27, Henry 2-13, Firkser 1-11, Swaim 1-8, Rogers 1-7.

A.Brown 7-91, Ju.Jones 3-59, West-

Varvara Gracheva d. #3 Sara Sorribes Tormo, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6(4). #4 Camila Giorgi d. Aliona Bolsova Zadoinov, 7-6(4), 3-6, 6-4.

6-4, 2-6, 7-6(6). Donna Vekic d. #8 Alison Riske, 6-1, 6-4. Mayar Sherif d. Lucrezia Stefanini, 6-2, 6-0 Zheng Saisai d. Rebeka Masarova, 6-4, 6-2 Danka Kovinic d. A. van Uytvanck,6-3, 6-3 Greet Minnen d. Mandy Minella, 7-5, 7-6 (2)



Mookie Betts celebrates after delivering the go-ahead RBI double during the Dodgers' 6-5 victory over the visiting Braves in Game 3 of the NLCS on Tuesday. JAE HONG/AP

MLB PLAYOFFS

Dodgers rally, tighten series

Associated Press

Cody Bellinger hit a tying, three-run homer and Mookie Betts then lined an $RBI\ double\ as\ the\ Dodgers$ rallied in the eighth inning, beating the Braves 6-5 on Tuesday to trim their NL Championship Series deficit to 2-1.

 $The\,Dodgers\,were\,down$ to their final five outs when Bellinger drove a two-strike pitch from Luke Jackson into the right-field pavilion, igniting the blue towel-waving crowd, some of whom had already left with the home team trailing 5-2.

Chris Taylor singled, stole second and moved to third on pinch-hitter Matt Beaty's groundout. Betts followed with a double off Jesse Chavez to right-cen-

Game 4 is Wednesday at Dodger Stadium.

With the cheering, chanting crowd on its feet in the ninth, Kenley Jansen struck out the side to earn the save, the ninth pitcher used by the Dodgers. They ran through a combined 15 in the first two games.

After getting staggered with back-to-back walk-off losses in Atlanta, the Dodgers returned home, where they've dominated the Braves in recent years and were an MLB-best 58-23 during this regular season.

The Braves haven't won at Dodger Stadium since June 8, 2018. It sure looked like they'd end that skid after leading 5-2 in the fifth. But the 106-win Dodgers staged another improbable postseason comeback late.

They beat the Cardinals in the NL wild-card game, then edged the 107-win Giants in Game 5 of the NL Division Series on Bellinger's tiebreaking single in the ninth inning. Last year, the Dodgers rallied from a 3-1 deficit to beat the Braves

in the NLCS.

The Braves built their lead Tuesday with a bunch of singles, pounding out 12 hits. Freddie Freeman broke out of his slump, going 3-for-4 with a walk and a run scored.

Lux learning: Gavin Lux, who started Tuesday's Game 3 of the National League Championship Series, became familiar with the latter this summer. One of the top prospects in a system that has produced two recent rookies of the year in Cody Bellinger (2017) and Corey Seager (2016), Lux hit .286 with five homers and 19 RBIs in May but swooned later in the summer and wasn't getting the regular playing time he would have in a place like Pittsburgh.

So on Aug. 26, the Dodgers shipped him back to Triple-A Oklahoma City.

"It's pretty easy to look around the league and say, like, 'Oh yeah, maybe on this team I wouldn't have gotten sent down,' obviously," Lux said. "But there's a lot of really good people here to learn from, a lot of really good players to learn from, and guys who have been around and a lot of superstars, Hall of Famers.

"So for me it's, like, looking at it as a blessing as opposed to the other way around. And I'm still early in my career, so I'm just a being a sponge and trying to soak up as much as I can from these guys."

Maybe one day Lux will grow into a mainstay like Seager or Justin Turner — a process that could be accelerated considerably should Seager leave the Dodgers as a free agent this offseason. Or, maybe Lux will become an October star for the Dodgers and still wind up somewhere else, like a handful of others scattered around this month.

IN BRIEF

QB Mayfield expects to play vs. Broncos

News services

Baker Mayfield wants to tough it out.

The Browns quarterback said he expects to play Thursday night against the Broncos despite a painful left shoulder injury that has worsened since he hurt it a month ago while trying to make a tackle. Mayfield re-injured his

non-throwing shoulder Sunday. Before Tuesday's prac-

tice, Mayfield said that the decision on whether he plays will come down to being able to perform at his best. He's planning to test his pain tolerance with hard throws.

Case Keenum is the Browns' backup and the 33-year-old veteran, who has 62 career NFL starts, will play if Mayfield feels he can't go.

The Browns will be without running backs Nick Chubb and Kareem Hunt, who are dealing with calf injuries.

Colleges: The American Athletic Conference received applications from Florida Atlantic, Charlotte. North Texas, UTSA, Rice, UAB to join the conference, ESPN reported. The AAC's desire to expand comes after Cincinnati, UCF and Houston decided this year to eventually join the Big 12. UConn left after the 2019 season.

NHL: Jets captain Blake Wheeler will miss at least four games after testing positive for COVID-19. Wheeler, 35, who like all of his teammates is vaccinated, has symptoms. He must isolate from the team for at least 10 days and will need a doctor's approval to return once symptoms are gone.

Soccer: Mohamed Salah scored twice as Liverpool took advantage of Antoine Griezmann's red card to beat host Atlético Madrid 3-2 and stay perfect after three matches in Champions League group play. Griezmann had two goals before being sent off early in the second half. Liverpool leads Group B with nine points. ... Lionel Messi had a pair of goals to help Paris Saint-Germain rally past visitor RB Leipzig 3-2. PSG leads Group A with seven points.

TENNIS

KREMLIN CUP Tuesday at Olympic Stadium; Moscow, indoor-hardcourt

indoor-hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
Illya Marchenko d.
#5 Alexander Bublik, 6-4, 6-3.
Gilles Simon d. #8 Laslo Djere,
6-7(3), 7-5, 6-3.
Tommy Paul d. Mikael Ymer, 7-6(7), 7-5.
Adrian Mannarino d. Roman Safiullin,
1-6, 7-6(6), 6-4.
Pedro Martinez d. Guido Pella, 6-2, ret.
Egor Gerasimov d. Miomir Kecmanovic,
6-3, 1-6, 6-4.
Ricardas Berankis d. Evgeny Donskoy,
6-1, 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32 Ekaterina Alexandrova d. #5 Ons Jabeur, 6-1, 1-0, retired.

Marketa Vondrousova d.

Marketa Vondrousova d.
#7 Elena Rybakina, 6-4, 6-4.
#8 Simona Halep d.
Anastasia Potapova, 6-1, 6-4.
#9 Anett Kontaveit d.
Katerina Siniakova, 6-3, 6-3.
Tereza Martincova d. Irina Bara, 6-0, 7-5.
Andrea Petkovic d. Jelena Ostapenko,
2-6, 6-0, 2-0, ret.
Veronika Kudermetova d. Oksana Selekhmeteva, 4-6, 7-6(3), 6-4.

ATP EUROPEAN OPEN Tuesday at Lotto Arena; Antwerp Belgium: indoor-hardcourt MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32 Jenson Brooksby d. #5 Reilly Opelka, Brandon Nakashima d. #6 Alex de Minaur, 6-4, 6-0. Lloyd Harris d. Zizou Bergs, 7-6(4), 6-3. Henri Laaksonen d. Benoit Paire,

Lorenzo Musetti d. Gianluca Mager. 7-6(2), 7-6(3). Jan-Lennard Struff d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, Marton Fucsovics d. Dennis Novak, 7-6(4), 6-2.

Andy Murray d. Frances Tiafoe, 7-6(2), 6-7(7), 7-6(8). Alejandro Davidovich Fokina d. Jordan Thompson, 6-3, 6-3, Marton Fucsovics d. Dennis Novak, 7-6(4), 6-2.

Arantxa Rus d. #5 Viktorija Golubic, #7 Clara Tauson d. Heather Watson,

Alize Cornet d. Stefanie Voegele, 6-1, 6-2



UConn guard Tyrese Martin works for a rebound against Georgetown forward Chudier Bile during the first half of a game March 6 in Storrs. DAVID BUTLER II/AP

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Rahsool Diggins, Samson Johnson and Corey Floyd Jr. UConn will have to use its depth to replace James Bouknight, now in the NBA.

"You hear it a lot, every day," Cole said. "Of course, Villanova's the standard we want to be at. But we also have our own standard as well, and that's being at the top of the food chain and bringing UConn back to where UConn's supposed

The Huskies will be helped by experience, with Isaiah Whaley, Tyler Polley and Cole all in their fifth year of college and Martin in his

"I feel like we have a very

deep team," Hurley said. "Obviously, that's a tremendous challenge, where Villanova is as a program.

"Their culture and their mentality, they don't give many games away. They make very few mistakes. Hopefully for us, with such a veteran team, an older team. we'll be a team that makes fewer mistakes and blinks less at the end of games and be in contention going into March."

Villanova got 10 firstplace votes and 100 points to top the Big East coaches' poll. UConn, ranked 24th in the AP poll, got the other first-place vote from Wright because coaches cannot vote for their own team.

Xavier was third, followed by St. John's, Seton Hall, Butler, Providence, Creighton, Marquette, George townand DePaul.

Villanova's Collin Gillespie, returning for a fifth year following his knee injury, is the conference's preseason player of the year. Georgetown's Aminu Mohammed was named preseason freshman of the year.

Paul Scruggs and Zach Freemantle from Xavier were unanimous choices for the preseason first-team all-conference honors, as was Gillespie. Nate Watson of Providence, Jared Rhoden of Seton Hall and Julian Champagnie of St. John's were the other first-team selections.

Joining Cole and Martin on the second team were Jermaine Samuels and Justin Moore of Villanova and Posh Alexander of St.

John's. Chuck Harris of Butler was also an honorable mention.

Whaley said he'd "make a mental note" of being passed over for all-conference honors but generally the Huskies took things in stride.

"It doesn't really change anything," Martin said. "We're still going to be the hunters."

Said Hurley: "You want to have a barometer that you're striving for in your conference. We feel we're much better positioned, short term and long term, to go into every season believing we can compete for a championship in this league and [be] potential national championship contenders."

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BIG EAST NOTES

Ackerman talks expansion with coaches' approval

By Dom Amore Hartford Courant

NEW YORK — Big East commissioner Val Ackerman made a bold move three years ago opening the door for UConn to rejoin its old conference rivals. Now Ackerman and the conference are thinking bigger once

"There's nothing in the works right now," Ackerman, one of the newest Naismith Hall of Famers, told The Courant Monday, during Big East Media Day. "But in this environment we all have to pay attention to what's happening and thinking about the future. We have to think about tomorrow."

The Big East developed a conference plan five years ago, Ackerman said, "once the new conference was on solid footing. A few months ago the conference ADs began reviewing the plan.

"We have to stay nimble," Ackerman said. "We are thinking in the back of our minds about our next television negotiation."

Since Ackerman first floated the idea of expansion, speculation has focused on several non-football playing basketball powers. Gonzaga, last year's runner-up in men's basketball and the No.1 team in the current AP poll, would add a national brand and TV appeal but, located in Spokane, Wash., wouldn't make geographic sense for a conference that likes to limit the travel burden.

"There's no bad idea." Ackerman said. "You have to have the whiteboard and come up with a variety of options. The idea of a national conference in a sport other than football, in my judgment, is tricky because you're dealing with tougher travel."

Perhaps a school from the Midwest or West, like Gonzaga, could join Creighton, DePaul, Marquette, Xavier, Butler and Xavier in a six-team Western Division. limiting travel with the East

Coast members. However it would shake out, coaches seemed to like the idea of expanding the footprint.

"I'm up for it," UConn coach Dan Hurley said. "I want to be in the absolute best conference, basketball conference, we could possibly be in. Anything that strengthens the league I'm all for."

Ackerman endorses combined Final Four: Ackerman, the first president of the WNBA, also reiterated her support for holding the men's and women's Final Fours in the same city on the same weekend, which she had previously recommended in 2013. The idea was recently recommended in the Kaplan report, which examined issues of gender inequity in the NCAA following outcry over different experiences for women's and men's basketball players at the 2021 Final Fours in San Antonio and Indianapolis, respectively.

Ackerman pointed to the logistical difficulties for the NCAA that come from putting the events on the same weekend in different cities, as well as the opportunities to combine sponsors, media and fans in one spot to "create just a colossal event for college basketball," she told The Courant. She pointed to the success Grand Slams in tennis have had in combining the men's and women's tours in the same event while holding championships on different days.

Painful memory for Cole: Stepping back on the floor at Madison Square Garden brought a painful memory for UConn's R.J. Cole. He fell and sustained a concussion here during the Big East semifinal against Creighton last March, leaving the game with UConn ahead and 5:07 to go. Creighton rallied to win.

"I definitely remember that," Cole said, "hearing Creighton fans cheering a lot [at the end of the game], that hurt a little bit. Coming back in this building, I remember

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load, and largely rose to the occasion in the process. She averaged 20.0 points (the best freshman scoring average in UConn history), 5.8 assists, 4.9 rebounds and 2.3 steals last season on her way to becoming a first-team All-American.

Though Bueckers wasn't able to work on her game as much as she wanted to this summer due to an April ankle surgery, she compensated by getting in the weight room, where Auriemma has seen a noticeable growth. Bueckers knows to help the Huskies win their first national title since 2016 the improvement will have to be in the details more than

anything else. "She's a little more aggressive, a little more assertive, a little more sure of herself and what her role or status is and what her relationship is with teammates," Auriemma said. "I think she's a little more comfortable as you would expect than she was last year."

Bueckers isn't expected to do everything alone this year. After all, four other Huskies took home conference recognition. Seniors Christyn Williams (unanimously) and Olivia Nelson-Ododa, along with sophomore Aaliyah Edwards, were tabbed to the preseason all-conference team, while freshman Azzi Fudd was unanimously selected as preseason freshman of the year.

In a similar mold to Bueckers, Fudd (a 5-11 guard from Arlington, Va.) had been considered an über-talented prospect well before she signed with UConn last November. The former No. 1 overall recruit became the first sophomore to win Gatorade National

UConn women ranked No. 2 in AP poll

The UConn women's basketball team will start the 2021-22 campaign ranked as the No. 2 team in the country according to The Associated Press Top 25 women's basketball poll.

It is the program's best preseason ranking since 2018-19.

The poll, which was released Tuesday afternoon, slotted South Carolina at No. 1 and reigning national champion Stanford at No. 3. The Gamecocks and Cardinal, both of whom return most of their major contributors from last season, both advanced to the Women's Final Four in San Antonio last season, where UConn lost to Arizona and South Carolina to Stanford in the national semifinals. Arizona is ranked No. 22.

UConn has started the season ranked in the top five of the AP poll 25 of the last 28 seasons. In 16 of those polls, they were ranked in the top two, including seven of the last 10 years.

The Huskies return all five starters from last season and brought in a stacked recruiting class headlined by No. 1 overall prospect Azzi Fudd. They began the 2020-21 campaign No. 3 before rising to No. 1 overall following their win over then-top ranked South Carolina in February. They secured the top spot for the final five weeks of the AP poll before falling in the Final Four, where the program made its 13th straight appearance.

Associated Press (Courant staff writer Alexa Philippou contributed to this report)

Player of the Year in 2019, and has gone viral for her killer shooting where she went toe-to-toe with Steph

Curry in his S30 Select Camp. Bueckers says she leaned on Auriemma and her teammate when the pressure got too much last year. But she and Fudd, who have been close friends for years, may understand the combination of internal pressure and external expectations they face other more than anyone else.

"For me it was important to find somebody to talk to about that stuff, so me being that person for her as well, I think that's very important, just being able to be there when she needs to vent or when the pressure is getting too much," Bueckers said.

That'll only become more important once Fudd, Bueckers and the rest of the Huskies take the court, with their regular season kicking off Nov. 14 versus Arkansas, and the basketball world turns its eyes to Storrs as their hunt for a national title begins.

"I think you can talk about it, you can share ideas and you can share experiences with other people, but until you actually go through it, I don't know that anyone really can prepare you for what's going to happen," Auriemma said. "In our program, I think kids that are good get probably unfairly exalted and kids that don't live up to an expectation that's really high for them get something other than that. But that's part of coming to school here and part of playing in our program. It's not for everyone but for those people that can meet those expectations, it's the most rewarding place in America to play."

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Big East women's preseason poll First-place votes in

parentheses. Rank, team 1. UConn (10) 100 2. DePaul (1) 90 3. Seton Hall 4. Marquette 74 5. Villanova 62 6. Creighton 7. St. John's 51 32 8. Providence 9. Georgetown 27 10. Xavier 18

11. Butler 17 Preseason player of the year: Paige Bueckers, UConn,

So., G* Preseason freshman of the year: Azzi Fudd, UConn, Fr.. G*

Preseason team Christyn Williams, UConn, Sr.. G*

Olivia Nelson-Ododa, UConn, Sr., F Aailyah Edwards, UConn, So., F

Sonya Morris, DePaul, Sr., G* Lexi Held, DePaul, Sr., G. Lauren Van Kleunen, Marquette, Grad., F Leilani Correa, St. John's, Jr.,

Andra Espinoza-Hunter, Seton Hall, Grad., G/F Lauren Park-Lane, Seton Hall, Jr.. G* Maddy Siegrist, Villanova,

Jr., F* * Unanimous selection

Big East men's preseason poll

First-place votes in parentheses. Rank, team Pts 1. Villanova (10) 100 2. UConn (1) 84 3. Xavier 76 4. St. John's 73 5. Seton Hall 68 6. Butler 7. Providence 45 8. Creighton 38 9. Marquette 10/Georgetown 25 11. DePaul

Preseason player of the year: Collin Gillespie, Villanova, Grad., G Preseason freshman of the year: Aminu Mohammed,

Georgetown, G Preseason first team

Nate Watson, Providence, Grad.. C* Julian Champagnie,

St. John's, Jr., G-F* Jared Rhoden, Seton Hall, Sr., G-F

Paul Scruggs, Xavier, Sr., G Zach Freemantle, Xavier, Jr., F Second team

R.J. Cole, UConn, Gr., F Tyrese Martin, UConn, Sr., G P. Alexander, St. John's, So., G Justin Moore, Villanova, Jr., G Jermaine Samuels, Villanova, Grad., F

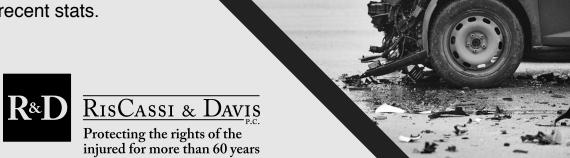
Honorable mention Chuck Harris, Butler, So., G Adama Sanogo, UConn, So., F *Unanimous selection

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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

76ers suspend Simmons for opener



Ben Simmons doesn't want to play - or even practice - with the 76ers anymore. So coach Doc Rivers kicked out the All-Star guard and suspended him for the season opener. Joel Embiid's take on the whole fiasco? Good riddance. Last season's NBA MVP runner-up put Simmons on blast: "At this point, I don't care about that man. He does whatever

he wants." Simmons refused to play as a full participant at Tuesday's practice, a day after he lingered outside a team huddle and mostly stayed alone in a corner without talking to teammates. Embiid dropped multiple references Tuesday to not working as babysitter anymore for the 25-year-old Australian guard, who still has four years and \$147 million left on his max contract. "I'm not here to babysit," Embiid said. "I'd be willing to babysit if someone wants to listen, but that's not my job." Simmons, who in the offseason asked to be traded, will not play Wednesday against the Pelicans and it seems inconceivable he will suit up for Friday's home opener in front of 20,000 Philly furious fans ready to boo him out of the Wells Fargo Center.

Baker won't engage on etiquette

Old-school Astros manager Dusty Baker is happy to stay out of the latest kerfuffle over players showing each other up on the field, saying on Tuesday: "It's too late for me to change the world." The latest flare-up over baseball's unwritten rules came in Game 3 of the AL Championship Series on Monday night, when Red Sox pitcher Eduardo Rodriguez pointed to his wrist after retiring Houston's Carlos Correa. It was a clapback at Correa himself, who used the gesture after hitting a home run in Game 1 to signal that it was his time to shine. Boston manager Alex Cora chastised his pitcher and said, "We don't do that." Rodriguez said he would apologize to Correa if he saw him. But Correa said he "loved every single bit of it." "It's just the way baseball should trend, moving forward," Correa said. "You need to let the players have fun." That's not the way it was when the 72-year-old Baker played from 1968-86 — almost all of it in the NL, where a preening pitcher would be fodder for a 100 mph lesson the next time he was in the batter's box. "Back in my day you would have been probably pushing up daisies somewhere, you know what I mean?" he said before Game 4. "It's a new world, new

Gamecocks top women's hoops poll



Dawn Staley and South Carolina are back in a familiar spot: No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 women's basketball poll. It's the second consecutive season that the Gamecocks are the preseason favorite. "With who we brought back and who added for this

season, we knew we would start out among the hunted, and it's something that our program is getting used to," said Staley, above, who's going into her 14th season as South Carolina coach. "Watching practice every day, I can see that we have the pieces and the competitive fire to reach all of our goals. We have a few more weeks to put those pieces together into a cohesive, successful team that can live up to this preseason ranking." The Gamecocks received 14 of the 29 first-place votes from a national media panel in the poll that was released Tuesday. UConn was second, garnering 10 first-place ballots. It's the 15th consecutive season that the Huskies were among the top five teams in the preseason. Defending national champion Stanford was third, getting the other five first-place votes. -Asssociated Press



Louisiana quarterback Levi Lewis greets Gov. John Bel Edwards as he tours the University of Louisiana campus COVID-19 vaccination site in August as part of the university's Shot for \$100 campaign. SCOTT CLAUSE/THE DAILY ADVERTISER VIA AP

Shots still hot topic

Vax rates high in college, pro sports, but issue persists

By Stephen Whyno Associated Press

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman let out a faint cough and assured those seated at least 6 feet away that it was allergies, not COVID-19. He had tested negative for the coronavirus three times in the previous week.

It allowed the fully vaccinated 69-year-old the opportunity to underscore the message that the virus is still part of the NHL and other professional sports leagues 19 months into the pandemic.

"It's no joke," Bettman said. "We're still dealing with COVID, although not in the same ways."

U.S. sports have successfully forced more athletes and staff to get vaccinated than many other industries, in part because the threat of losing pay is so severe. Yet, the outliers have and will continue to get more attention and generate outrage from fans who want to see stars play.

Basketball's Kyrie Irving and Bradlev Beal, football's Kirk Cousins, Cole Beasley and Chase Young, baseball's Chris Sale and hockey's Tyler Bertuzzi have all held out, with varying degrees of outspoken skepticism. On Monday, the NHL suspended Evander Kane of the Sharks 21 games for submitting a fake vaccination card and Washington State fired football coach Nick Rolovich for failing to comply with a state government vaccine mandate, providing two more reminders of the impact the coronavirus is still having on professional and college sports.

They're in the shrinking minority. Major League Baseball, in the middle of its postseason, reports 87.4%

of players and key staff are fully vaccinated. The NFL through six weeks of its season is at 94%, with 133 active players who haven't had at least one dose. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said Monday his league is at 96% with the chance for that to tick up. Bettman noted last week the NHL had only four unvaccinated players out of more than 700 — well over 99% fully vaccinated.

"If given grades, those are A-pluses," said former women's basketball player Iciss Tillis, who's now a labor and employment attorney at the law firm of Hall Estill. "It's been really interesting to watch the transition over the past year and a half go from extreme skepticism to, I guess, people being able to see friends and family go ahead and get the vaccine first and sort of see how they react to it. I think that's playing a huge role in this shift that we're seeing towards people pretty much just giving in and just going ahead and taking the vaccine."

None of those leagues have a full mandate, but all imposed rules treating differently players who are fully vaccinated. In addition, some cities and states put further requirements on players and coaches, especially those at state universities such as Rolovich. Daily coronavirus testing, mask wearing and restrictions on movement made more players chose to be vaccinated — as did the threat of losing pay.

The Nets began the NBA season without Irving, who can't play or practice at home because of a New York City vaccine mandate.

The team told him he couldn't play - even in road games — until his status changes. Irving and other unvaccinated players around pro sports don't get paid for games they miss.

"For athletes in particular, their livelihood is based on their ability to compete," said Dr. Wendy King of the University of Pittsburgh, who took part in a research project on vaccine hesitancy earlier this year. "Even if they thought, 'Oh, I'm pretty healthy and I wouldn't get that bad of a case,' it would still heavily impact their ability to go to work, to play in a game. It could affect their entire team — not just them — so they might feel like they're letting other people down if they don't do everything they can to prevent the disease.

Dr. Panagis Galiatsatos of Johns Hopkins said job security and the threat of losing pay likely led to such a high vaccine uptake among athletes. "I think that's a powerful thing," he said.

It convinced some to get jabbed. Warriors forward Andrew Wiggins - who faced a potential absence similar to Irving's because of a local mandate - decided to get a COVID-19 vaccine to be eligible to play. The NHL's agreement to go to the Olympics requires all participants to be fully vaccinated, which could lead Devils goaltender Mackenzie Blackwood to change his mind, as well.

Leagues have still endured COVID-19 cases involving fully vaccinated players, coaches and staff. Deep in baseball's playoffs, the Braves opened the NL Championship Series without Jorge Soler, who tested positive, and the NHL's Penguins started the season without winger Jake Guentzel.

Isolated absences are expected, Bettman said, because of the highly contagious delta variant.

"We've got to maintain our vigilance," Bettman said. "I'm really proud of our players. All of our officials are vaccinated. All of our personnel who come near our players are vaccinated.... But we can't let up. It's a fact of life and it's not just us. It's what the world is still living with."

AP writers Arnie Stapleton, Ronald Blum, Tim Reynolds and Ralph D. Russo contributed to this report.

Streaking Bills fall just short vs. Titans

By Teresa M. Walker

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Bills have seen Josh Allen run for first down after first down since coming into the That's why coach Sean McDermott put the ball in his

quarterback's hands yet again on fourth and maybe half a yard rather than kick a tying field goal with 22 seconds left. This time, Allen's feet went out from under him as the Titans jammed the middle, stopping him short and pulling

out a 34-31 victory Monday night.
"I felt good about our chances," McDermott said. "I had a chance to win the game right there and we didn't get it

Tyler Bass already had made three field goals for the

But Allen had converted an NFL-best 24 quarterback sneaks for first downs since 2018, according to ESPN Stats and Info. Against the Titans (4-2), Allen already had carried nine times for 25 yards, including a 5-yard scramble on third down that McDermott said officials initially

signaled first down. Allen certainly pointed first down with his left arm. Officials huddled.

"Then they changed it," McDermott said. "From what I was told after the game there when I visited with (referee) Clete (Blakeman) then I think they radioed down and

Allen didn't get an explanation.

"I think they looked at it on video and I think the call was a good call, so again it's a game of inches," Allen said. We're not going to try to blow this out of proportion."

That set up fourth and very short. Allen lined up in the shotgun, then moved up under center for the snap. He took the ball, then his feet seemed to slip out from under him with a trio of Titans linemen filling the middle and pushing forward. Allen said he didn't have great footing but was happy to have the ball in his hands.

"I take a lot of pride in it," Allen said. "I love Coach McDermott giving me that opportunity. I've got to go out there and prove him right. Sometimes the plays don't go your way."

According to Sportradar, the Bills were only the fourth team since 2000 to go for it on fourth down while in field goal range at the 30-yard line or closer down three in the final 2 minutes of a game. The other three all converted: the Jets scored on a 1-yard run against the Bills in 2018 with 1:22 left for a win, the Saints also converted in beating the Falcons in 2017, and the Buccaneers beat the Saints in 2008.

"I mean, we're this far from winning the game, and I owe that to my players," McDermott said of his decision to go for it on fourth down.

Titans coach Mike Vrabel credited his defenders with being prepared and ready. Defensive lineman Jeffery Simmons said he anticipated a quarterback sneak and knew immediately that Allen was short.

'That was my gap, and I was able to knock the guard in the backfield, and I knew it was short," Simmons said.

The loss snapped a four-game winning streak by the Bills (4-2) heading into their week off. Sending Bass out for a fourth field goal might've given the Bills a chance to extend that streak, but they backed their coach's decision.

NFL power rankings

The Associated Press Pro32 NFL Power Rankings, as voted by a 12-member panel, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Monday, total points based on 32 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 32nd-place vote, and previous ranking:

Rank, team	W	L	т	Pts	Pvs
1. Arizona Cardinals (12)	6	0	0	384	1
2. Tampa Bay Buccaneers	5	1	0	362	3
3. Baltimore Ravens	5	1	0	350	6
4. Los Angeles Rams	5	1	0	344	4
5. Dallas Cowboys	5	1	0	335	7
6. Buffalo Bills	4	2	0	330	1
7. Green Bay Packers	5	1	0	328	8
8. Los Angeles Chargers	4	2	0	291	5
9. Tennessee Titans	4	2	0	286	11
10. Kansas City Chiefs	3	3	0	270	10
11. Cincinnati Bengals	4	2	0	264	13
12. New Orleans Saints	3	2	0	242	12
13. Cleveland Browns	3	3	0	239	9
14. Las Vegas Raiders	4	2	0	237	15
15. Minnesota Vikings	3	3	0	210	18
16. Pittsburgh Steelers	3	3	0	199	22
17. Carolina Panthers	3	3	0	177	14
18. Chicago Bears	3	3	0	168	16
19. San Francisco 49ers	2	3	0	161	18
20. Denver Broncos	3	3	0	153	17
21. Indianapolis Colts	2	4	0	149	25
22. New England Patriots	2	4	0	147	20
23. Seattle Seahawks	2	4	0	137	21
24. Philadelphia Eagles	2	4	0	124	23
25. Atlanta Falcons	2	3	0	99	26
26. Washington Football Team	2	4	0	96	24
27. New York Giants	1	5	0	59	28
28. Jacksonville Jaguars	1	5	0	50	32
29. Miami Dolphins	1	5	0	49	27
30. New York Jets	1	4	0	38	30
31. Houston Texans	1	5	0	32	29
32. Detroit Lions	0	6	0	26	31

WEATHER



49°

turning milder. West winds at 5 to 15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph.

NOON SUNRISE SUNSET Partly sunny and mild. Chance for a 73 shower overnight. LOW

> Seattle 60/50/SH

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Portland 60s

62/50/SH 50s/

Francisco 60s

San

64/60/SH

Angeles

Los 60s

66/55/PC 70s

Phoenix _

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Billings

50/42/PC

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LOW

49

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SATURDAY

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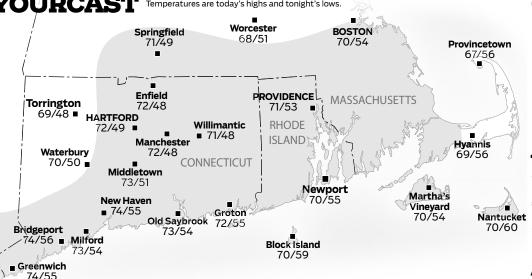
SUNSET

SUNDAY



YOURCAST Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows. Worcester BOSTON Springfield Provincetown **Enfield** PROVIDENCE **MASSACHUSETTS** Torrington 71/53 69/48 ■ HARTFORD **RHODE** Willimantic **ISLAND** Manchester **Hyannis** Waterbury 72/48 CONNECTICUT Middletown Newport Martha's **New Haven** 70/55 Vineyard Groton Old Saybrook 72/55 70/54 Bridgeport 70/60 73/54 74/56 Milford

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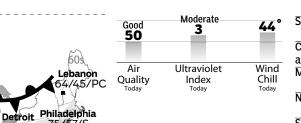
OUTLOOK

Temperatures were unseasonably cool Tuesday morning with Colebrook dropping to 32 degrees and many other interior locations reaching into the mid-30s. They will rebound nicely on Wednesday. After morning lows in the 40s, afternoon highs will climb into the low to mid-70s. Temperatures will be little changed on Thursday. A cold front crossing the state could cause a shower or sprinkle Thursday night, but the front will have little impact on temperatures because colder Canadian air is following a secondary cold front that won't be moving through until Friday night or Saturday morning. -Garv Lessor

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Precipitation In Inches Total Normal Yesterday (by 7 p.m.) 0.00 0.15 Month to date 2.31 Total this year 47.68 37.85 Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	7:08 a.m.	7:10 a.m.
Sunset	6:03 p.m.	6:01 p.m.
Moonrise	6:20 p.m.	6:43 p.m.
Moonset	6:58 a.m.	7:10 a.m.

Moon Phase					
Full ct 20	Last Oct 28	New Nov 4	First Nov 11		

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Connecticut River	1:20 a.m.	8:33 a.m.	
it Portland	1:42 p.m.	9:10 p.m.	
Madison	11:21 a.m.	5:05 a.m.	66°
	11:45 p.m.	5:37 p.m.	
lew Haven	11:41 a.m.	5:29 a.m.	66°
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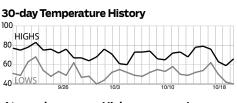
30-day Precipitation History In Inches

River Stage at Hartford: 4.49 feet at 6:30 p.m.

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Weather	MSunny	MSunny	MSunny
Wind	W, 10-15	W, 10-20	W, 10-20
Seas	2-3 ft.	2-3 ft.	2-4 ft.

emperature uesday	High 66 at 2:57 p.m	Low 40 at 5:01 a.m
Normal for date	62	41
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Last **Heating Degree Days** Season Normal Season For July 1 - Oct 19



Atmosphere High Barometer 29.94 at 9 a.m. 29.82 at 5 p.m. Dew point 41° at 7 p.m. 33° at 12 p.m.

NEW ENGLAND Baltimore 56 40 C

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AROUND THE WORLD Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

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MONDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

GIRLS SOCCER

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Honolulu

85/70/PC 803

PORTLAND 4, EAST HAMPTON 0 Goals: P-Kendra Schoeps (2), Lilv Carroll (2). Saves: P-Hannah Brunk 1; **EH**—Jennifer Tripp, 7. Rec.: **P**—8-2-2; **EH-**4-7-2.

SCC SHEEHAN 0, SHELTON 0 Saves: SHN—Trinity LaValley, 4; SLT—Julia Pulley, 7. Rec.: SHN—8-2-3;

FIELD HOCKEY

Shoreline OLD SAYBROOK 2, WESTBROOK/OLD

Goals: OS-Kayla Chacon, Mackenna Cooke. **Saves: OS**—Kate Molesky, 2; **WOL**—Abby Devers, 7. Rec.: **OS**—10-3-1; WOL-4-11. Note: Cooke also had

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

ROCKY HILL 3, BULKELEY 0 (26-24, 25-22, 25-16) RH: Maida Martin, 14digs, 4aces, 2 assists; **B:** Gabriela Rodriguez, 6aces, 4 digs, 3assists. Rec.: **RH**—4-11; **B**—3-12.

PLATT 3, MIDDLETOWN 0 (25-12, 25-15, 25-11) M: Tori Minor, 5kills. Rec.: P-8-8;

CCC-East MANCHESTER 3, ENFIELD 1 (25-21, 17-25, 25-13, 25-22)
M: Olivia Ramsdell, 11kills, 4aces, 3

digs, Olivia Westfort, 12kills, 3blocks; E: Elektra Bourassa, 4kills, 3aces, Kayli Luke, 3digs. Rec.: M—7-8; E—4-11. E.O. SMITH 3, EAST CATHOLIC 0 (26-24, 25-17, 25-23)

EOS: Savannah Tellier, 7kills, 6digs, 4 blocks, Sierra York, 11assists, 6digs, 5 kills, Ashley Lewis, 5aces, 5digs, 4kills. Rec.: **EOS**—12-2; **EC**—9-7.

CCC-West
FARMINGTON 3, NORTHWEST **CATHOLIC 0 (25-20, 25-8, 25-12) F:** Shannon O'Brien, 24assists, 12aces, Brooke Jones, 9kills; **NWC**: Sydney Clark, 14digs. Rec.: **F**-7-7; **NWC**-6-10.

WEAVER 3, CAPITAL PREP 2 (25-17, 25-16, 12-25, 22-25, 15-13) W: Takyra Allerdyce, 7aces, 6kills, 2 blocks, Nicole Tirado, 9assists, 7digs;

CP: Ashlyn Gordon, 6digs, 5kills. Rec.: W-10-5; CP-4-10. **GIRLS SWIMMING**

LYMAN HALL 99, WEST HAVEN 76 Note: Elise Richardson (200free/100fly) and Sam Jackson (200IM/500free) were double winners for Lyman Hall.

TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS SOCCER

ROCKY HILL 1, NEWINGTON 1 Goals: RH-Massimo Cianci: N-Christian Amaral. Saves: RH—Jaimin Shah, 5; N—Gavin Williams, 3. Rec.: RH—7-2-2; WETHERSFIELD 6, NEW BRITAIN 2

CCC-South

BRISTOL CENTRAL 4, LEWIS MILLS 1 Goals: BC-Mark Palma (2), Carson Rivoira, Frank Palma: LM-own goal. Mayes, 12. Rec.: BC-9-1-2; LM-6-2-3 MIDDLETOWN 1, BRISTOL EASTERN 0 PLAINVILLE 3, MALONEY 0

CCC-Fast E.O. SMITH 1, RHAM 0 Goal: EOS-Jake Bernstein. Saves: EOS—Garrett Ballou, 5; R—Erik Buden, 6. Rec.: EOS—6-4-2; R—7-3-2. Note: Brendan Raynor had the assist. EAST CATHOLIC 3, EAST HARTFORD 2 ENFIELD 1, TOLLAND 1

GLASTONBURY 2, CONARD 1 Goals: G-Vincenzo Greco (2); C-Patrick Guildner. Saves: G-Josh Patermo. 5: **C**—Aarvan Daswani. 8. AVON 3, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 0 Goals: A-Nate Tiffany (2), Lincoln

Freeman. Saves: A—Buster Akers, 2; NWC—Aidan Mahoney, 7. Rec.: A—5-4-3: NWC-3-7. HALL 2, SIMSBURY 0 ROCKVILLE 5. STAFFORD 1 Goals: R—Luke Woodward (3), Kai Carozza-Lutz, Steve Kozak; S—Auguste

Latrille. Saves: R-Abdullah Chaudhry, 4; **S**—Ryan Duffy, 18. Rec.: **R**—3-5-2; **COVENTRY 2. EAST WINDSOR 0** Goals: C-Steven Sisk, Domin Bugnacki. Saves: C-Justin Foran, 2; EW-Hunter Bovee, 10. Rec.: C-8-4;

GRANBY 5, WINDSOR LOCKS 0 SUFFIELD 6, HMTCA 0
SOMERS 8, SMSA/BULKELEY 1

VALLEY REGIONAL 5, OLD LYME 2
Goals: VR—Jake McKenna (2), Simon Partyka, Jake Burdick, Tucker Burr: OL—Mason Bussman, Liam Celic. Saves: VR—Ian Silva, 4; OL—Jonah Lathrop, 7. Rec.: VR-10-3-1; OL-4-9. WESTBROOK 2, HALE-RAY 2 Goals: W-Henrick Gustafson, Elliot Koplas: HR-Austin Hallock, Luke Karpiej. **Saves: W**—Ryan Engles HR-Loudon Chupas, 10. Rec.: W-3-10-OLD SAYBROOK 7, CROMWELL 0

Goals: OS-Bradley Kulmann (2), Kevin DeCapua (2), Cameron DeAngelo (2), Jacob DeAngelo. Rec.: **0S**—13-0-1; EAST HAMPTON 0, PORTLAND 0

GOODWIN TECH 1, WILCOX TECH 1 ELLIS TECH 3, WINDHAM TECH 1 CHENEY TECH 3, VINAL TECH 0

GIRLS SOCCER

CCC-North **BLOOMFIELD 3, HARTFORD PUBLIC 1**

CCC-South BRISTOL EASTERN 4, MIDDLETOWN 0
Goals: BE—Emily Nelson (2), Megan Krok, Emma Stavens, Saves: BE-Grace D'Amato, 5; **M**—Tessa Labbadia, 9. Rec.: **BE**—4-6-1; **M**—4-5-2. **BERLIN 8, PLATT 0** MALONEY 7, PLAINVILLE 0 LEWIS MILLS 3, BRISTOL CENTRAL 0

EAST CATHOLIC 3, EAST HARTFORD 3 **Goals: EC**—Kaitlyn Nyberg, Sydney Ledoux, Sophia Roy; **EH**—Swathi Ganesh (2), Meghan Moore. **Saves:** EC-Kayliana Salazar, 7; EH-Zoe Mercado, 22. Rec.: EC-2-8-1; EH-3-

TOLLAND 4, ENFIELD 2 Goals: T-Maria Cayward (2), Aiyanna Robles Sedano, Shea Reed; E-Sydney Marshall, Jacqui Perry. Saves: T Sophia Rotondaro, 3; E—Mia Daly, 7. Rec.: T—7-1-4; E—6-6. MANCHESTER 2, SOUTH WINDSOR 1

SOUTHINGTON 2, FARMINGTON 2 Goals: S-Jess Carr (2): F-Carly Margaret Miller, 6; F—Margaret Huelin, 6. Rec.: S—5-1-6; F—4-4-4. GLASTONBURY 3, CONARD 0 Goals: G-Gianna Angelillo, Sydney Kehl, Sophia Haussmann. Saves: G-Caroline Cohen, 0; **C**—Meryl Rung, 10. Rec.: **G**—11-0-1; **C**—3-6-3. SIMSBURY 2, HALL 1 NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 2, AVON 1

SUFFIELD 6, HMTCA 0 Goals: S—Kayleigh Mahannah (2), Sarah Kent, Riley Baril, Alicia Wertman, Cassie Bosco. **Saves: S**—Ella Kollmorgan and Alanna Fairbairn, 3; **H**—Jazlyn

Vega. 8. Rec.: **S-**11-2: **H-**0-11-1. CROMWELL 1, OLD SAYBROOK 1 INNOVATION 3, CAPITAL PREP 1

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY Conard senior Callum Sherry, Glastonbury freshman Brooke

Strauss win CCC championships

By Lori Riley Hartford Courant

EASTHARTFORD-In2018, Conard High's Gavin Sherry won the boys CCC cross country championship as a freshman. In 2019,

he won it again. The meet was not held last year due to the pandemic. This year he didn't line up on the starting line because he is still recovering from an

But a Sherry still won the race Tuesday. It was Gavin's twin brother, Callum, who outkicked Manchester senior Aidan Puffer coming up the hill to the finish line at Wickham Park, winning his first conference championship in 15 minutes, 31 seconds, beating his fastest time by over 40 seconds on

the Wickham course. "That was awesome," Conard boys coach Ron Knapp said. "I was thinking, 'Sherry won't be back to defend his title,' but the

other Sherry came through." Puffer finished second in 15:35 and Newington senior Michael Bohlke was third (15:45). Hall won the team title with 78 points, led by

fifth-place Walker Beverly. "The whole race I was probably 20 feet or so off Aidan," Callum said. "He did a lot of the work, he was out there pushing the pace the whole time. I think that was really helpful for me because I'm used to doing the same

thing behind my brother. I was just trying to chase him the whole time the best I could."

Puffer has also been sick and wasn't 100 percent Tuesday.

"I'm not really happy about [the race]," he said.

Gavin Sherry is expected to be back for the state championship meets Oct. 30 at Wickham. Both brothers announced in September that they will attend Stan-

ford next year.
"I think today I'm more happy with the time than the placement," Callum said. "It's cool to win this meet and I'm happy about it, for sure, but I'm really happy with the 15:30 because I think my fastest time on the course is 16:13 or some-

thing." Glastonbury freshman Brooke Strauss won her first conference championship, hanging on to beat Hall's Kate Sanderson down the stretch. Strauss finished in 19:20, Sanderson in 19:21 and Sanderson's teammate, Nora

Holmes, was third in 19:46. Glastonbury won the team title with 49 points ahead of runner-up Hall

"It was good," Strauss said. "It was definitely hotter than the last time [at Wickham] and I was 10 seconds slower than my last one."

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FIELD HOCKEY

HALL 8, E.O. SMITH 2 **Goals: H**—Ellie Goldstein (4), Grace Ganey, Bridget McGann, Clare Sweeney, Emma Keller; **EOS**—Bailey Spooner, Erin Dwyer. Rec.: **H**—10-0-1; SIMSBURY 3, ENFIELD 1

CCC-South
AVON 3, SOUTH WINDSOR 0 CCC-Inter

WETHERSFIELD 3, WINDSOR 0

C-8-4; S-1-13-1.

CANTON 8, SOMERS 0 Goals: C-Mary DeRitis (2), Ellie Bahre, Erin Mackin, Hailey MacDonald, Maggie Gibbons, Violet Savickas, Madison Dufresne. **Saves: C**-Tommie Barker and Lyla O'Connor, 4; S-Kayla Brown and Sophie Jones, 21. Rec.:

STAFFORD 3, SUFFIELD 1

NORTH HAVEN 3. SHEEHAN 1 Goals: NH-Catherine Bianchi (2), Noelle Carmondy: S-Ava Raffone Saves: NH—Nola Coyle, 14; S—Rilee Reutenauer, 11. Rec.: NH—3-7-2-1; S-2-10-1. **CHESHIRE 1, HAND 0**

Goal: C-Avery Depodesta. Saves: C-Ginny Curello, 4; **H**—Megann Hart, 11. Rec.: **C**—10-2-1; **H**—7-7-1.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

EAST HARTFORD 3, ENFIELD 0 (26-24, E: Elektra Bourassa, 7kills, 2aces Cassandra Fortune, 16assists, 6digs, 2 aces. Rec.: **EH**-10-7; **E**-4-12.

KAYNOR TECH 3, VINAL TECH 1 (25-13,

KT: Nancy Nham, 11aces, 3kills, Gene sis Ginorio, 8aces, 4digs. Rec.: KT-13-**WILCOX TECH 3. WINDHAM TECH 2**

CIVIC LEADERSHIP 3. INNOVATION 2 CL: Rebecca Eyres, 9digs, 4aces, 1

kill, Jorelys Rivera-Camacho, 13digs, 3 aces, 2assists; I: Patrice Broughton, 12 kills, 6aces, 5blocks, Ciara Cardona, 18 assists. Rec.: CL-13-2; I-8-5.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY CCC CHAMPIONSHIP (WICKHAM PARK,

MANCHESTER) Top 3**teams:** 1. Hall, 78; 2. Avon, 102; 3.

Manchester, 132 Top 10**individuals:** 1. Callum Sherry, Conard, 15:31: 2. Aidan Puffer, Manchester, 15:35; 3. Michael Bohlke, Newington, 15:45; 4. Carver Morgan, Avon. 16:12: 5. Walker Beverly, Hall. 16:14; 6. Sean Barkasy, Manchester, 16:17; 7. Luke Stoeffler, Tolland, 16:33; 8. Evan Boland, E.O. Smith, 16:37; 9. Luke Davis, Simsbury, 16:41; 10. Justin Cascio, Lewis Mills, 16:42. CCC-North

Team **winner:** Rocky Hill Top 3**individuals:** 1. Bohlke; 2. Ryan Gagne, Wethersfield, 16:49; 3. Brayden Bayek, Rocky Hill, 17:16. CCC-South

Team winner: Lewis Mills Top 3**individuals:** 1. Cascio; 2. Francis Porrinill, Bristol Central, 17:14; 3. Ben Fisher, Berlin, 17:49.

Team winner: Manchester Top 3**individuals:** 1. Puffer; 2. Barkasy; 3. Stoeffler. CCC-West

Team winner: Hall
Top 3individuals: 1. Sherry; 2. Morgan; 3. Beverly.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY CCC CHAMPIONSHIP (WICKHAM PARK, MANCHESTER)

Top 3**teams:** 1. Glastonbury, 41; 2. Hall, 69; 3. E.O. Smith, 99. Top 10individuals: 1. Brooke Strauss.

Glastonbury, 19:20; 2. Katherine Sanderson, Hall, 19:21; 3. Nora Holmes, Hall, 19:46; 4. Peyton Bornstein, Tolland, 19:47; 5. Katie Bohlke, Newington, 19:48: 6. Jacqueline Caron, Glastonbury, 20:04; 7. Calista Meyer, Tolland, 20:06; 8. Ava Gattinella, Glastonbury, 20:15; 9. Julia Zydanowicz, Hall, 20:17; 10. Gabriella Hernandez, E.O. Smith, 20:18. CCC-North

Team **winner:** Newington Top 3**individuals:** 1. Bohlke; 2. Maria Corcoran, Rocky Hill, 20:41; 3. Alexandra Daha, Newington, 22:19. CCC-South Team winner: Berlin

Top 3**individuals:** 1. Natalia Kmita, Berlin, 20:40; 2. Elise Kennedy, Middletown, 21:10; 3. Samantha Park, Maloney, 21:23. CCC-East

Team **winner:** E.O. Smith Top 3**individuals:** 1. Bornstein; 2. Maver: 3. Hernandez. CCC-West Team winner: Glastonbury Top 3individuals: 1. Strauss; 2. Sander-

GIRLS SWIMMING

WETHERSFIELD 99, WINDSOR 82 Note: Sabrina Schuster (200free/100 fly), Alanna DePinto (2001M/100free) were all double winners for Wethers-

CCC-West **HALL 96. SOUTHINGTON 85** Note: Jacqui Fox (50free/100back) and Meghan Tiernan (2001M/100breast) were double winners for Hall. Ella Nadeau won the 100and 200free for Southington.

Note: Molly Whitaker (2001M/500free) and Jane Sesta (200free/100brea were double winners for Mercy.

WEDNESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE ALL GAMES AT 3:45 P.M. UNLESS

BOYS SOCCER

CCC-West: Southington at Farming ton, 6p.m. **NCCC:** Bolton at East Granby, 5:30p.m. CRAL: Classical at MLC; Parish Hill at

SCC: Xavier at Hand, 6p.m.: Shelton at Cheshire, 6p.m.; North Haven at Lyman Hall, 6:30p.m.; Foran at Sheehan, 6:30 ECC: Windham at Ledvard, 4:30p.m.

NVL: Kennedy at St. Paul, 6p.m.
Others: Bassick at University/Prince Tech, 2p.m.; Suffield at Coginchaug; Aerospace at SMSA/Bulkeley

CCC-North: Rocky Hill at Newington, CCC-East: RHAM at E.O. Smith, 6p.m.

NCCC: East Granby at Bolton, 3p.m.; Canton at Ellington, 4p.m. CTC: Windham Tech at Goodwin Tech SCC: Cheshire at Amity; Lyman Hall at Sacred Heart Academy; Foran at Sheehan, 4:30p.m.; Mercy at Shelton, 7p.m.; Hand at Career/Hillhouse, 7p.m. Others: Harding/Bassick at Westbrook; East Catholic at Haddam-Killingworth; Ledyard at Old Lyme; Lyman Memorial at Somers, 4:15p.m.; Woodland at Port-

FIELD HOCKEY

CCC-South: Wethersfield at East Catholic; Northwest Catholic at Glastonbury CCC-Inter: Simsbury at Newington Others: Hamden at Southington; Canton at Haddam-Killingworth; Granby at Hall

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-North: Rocky Hill at Windsor, 5 p.m. CCC-**South:** Plainville at Lewis Mills,

CCC-West: Farmington at Simsbury,

CCC-Inter: Northwest Catholic at Hartford Public, 4:30p.m.; Glastonbury at East Catholic, 5p.m.; Bloomfield at Middletown, 5p.m.; Manchester at Bulkeley, 5p.m.; Bristol Eastern at Conard, 5p.m.; Berlin at Wethersfield, 5p.m.; Hall at Tolland, 5:30p.m.; Avon at RHAM, 6p.m.; New Britain at Platt, 6p.m.; Southington at Bristol Central,

6:30p.m.; Maloney at E.O. Smith, 7p.m. NCCC: Canton at East Windsor, 6p.m.; Rockville at Suffield, 6:30p.m.; Granby at Ellington, 7p.m. **Shoreline:** East Hampton at Valley Regional, 5:30p.m.; Cromwell at Morgan, 5:30p.m.; Old Lyme at Hadd-am-Killingworth, 5:30p.m. CTC: Ellis Tech at Vinal Tech, 5:15p.m.; Norwich Tech at Goodwin Tech, 5:15 p.m. CRAL: MLC at Capital Prep, 5p.m.; Achievement First at Classical, 5p.m. SCC: North Haven at Lyman Hall, 5p.m.; Mercy at Hillhouse, 5:30p.m.; Hamden

at Sheehan, 6:15p.m. ECC: Bacon Academy at Waterford, 5:30p.m.
Others: SMSA at Woodstock Academy,

CROSS COUNTRY

SCC: SCC Championship (East Shore Park, New Haven), 1p.m. NVL: NVL Championship (Veteran's Memorial Park, Watertown)

GIRLS SWIMMING

CCC-North: Enfield at Bulkeley/HMTCA